

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS—

Education Bill Passes House

By W. Barry Garrett
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WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 has passed the House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority. The Senate will not waste any time in bringing it to a vote. President Johnson has his pen poised ready to sign it. It could be law by Easter.

Much confusion is abroad about the bill. This brief question and answer article will attempt to clarify some of the misunderstanding about it.

Question: What are the provisions of the bill?

Answer: It extends the federally impacted area aid program for another two years. In addition it does the fol-

lowing:

1. It authorizes \$1.06 billion for public school agencies for the education of children of low-income families.

2. It authorizes \$100 million to state public education agencies for school library resources, textbooks, and other instructional materials for children and teachers in public and private elementary and secondary schools.

3. It authorizes \$100 million to public school agencies for the creation of supplementary educational centers and services available to all the school children in a community.

4. It authorizes \$100 million to be allocated by the U. S. Commissioner of Education to universities, colleges and other public and private research agencies to develop educational research and training.

5. It authorizes \$25 million for grants to states to strengthen state departments of education.

The total of these authorized appropriations is \$1.385 billion.

Question: Does the bill give aid to parochial schools?

Answer: The bill does not authorize any grant of funds or provide for services to private schools. All of the appropriations for elementary and secondary education are to public agencies.

Question: Does the bill give aid to parochial school pupils?

Aids Parochial Pupils
Answer: Yes. If the private school has children from poor families (\$2000 or less annual income) the public school that receives aid from this bill must provide them "special educational services and arrangements (such as dual enrollment, educational radio and television, and mobile educational services and equipment)" in which private school pupils can participate.

Other aids to private school (Continued on Page 2)

House To Act On Medicare

WASHINGTON (BP) — An expanded version of President Johnson's proposed program of medical care for the aged under social security cleared the House Ways and Means Committee here. This marks the first time that a health insurance program for the elderly has been cleared by the committee for House action. Such measures have been approved by the Senate in the past.

The bill contains some features of alternative proposals offered by long-time opponents of medical care, as well as the original administration program. It provides for a voluntary insurance plan covering doctors' fees in addition to the basic hospital and nursing-care benefits proposed by the administration.

It would also provide increased federal participation, liberalized eligibility rules and broader coverage under the existing state-federal system of care for low-income persons. A seven per cent increase in cash benefits under the present social security insurance program would be provided.

The American Medical Association (AMA), vigorous opponent of medical care for the elderly under social security, offered an alternative plan, known as "elderare." Republican leadership in Congress came up with their own alternative proposal. These plans would be voluntary and would be financed mainly by federal general funds rather than through the social security system. A number of other proposals have been offered by various congressmen.

The expanded "Medicare" bill would provide basic hospital and nursing benefits which would be financed by increased Social Security taxes and would be available to all persons over 65. Benefits would include up to 90 days of hospital care for each period of illness, of which the patient would pay the first \$40.

All services ordinarily furnished by a hospital for in- (Continued on page 5)

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Baptists Urged To Develop New Leaders

BILOXI, Miss. (BP)—Leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention were told here they should work harder at the task of developing new leadership for the denomination.

During a two-day annual meeting of the SBC Inter-Agency Council, Lewis R. Mobley, director of executive leadership for International Business Machines, said an organization with a fast growth rate cannot sit around waiting for leadership to percolate to the top through normal channels of advancement.

He told the Baptist agency executives they should concentrate on removing the organizational barriers to personal employee development.

"Most people want to grow to fulfill themselves. Organizations should focus attention on this fundamental urge."

Mobley, a Southern Baptist layman, is on loan from International Business Machines working with the Church Executive Development Board.

"A leader," he said, "is a person who has followers." He advocated that Baptists study the circumstances which generate followers as a means of better understanding the qualities of good leadership.

"A leader," Mobley pointed out, "is one who can state a goal and reach it, largely through others, and mostly

through situations of stress."

The representatives of the 20 national agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention also heard Wayne E. Oates of Louisville, speak on "Understanding and coping with extremism."

Oates, professor of psychology of religion at Southern Seminary, told the 75 persons present "The best approach to the extremist is a preventive one."

Anticipate Issues

"This can be taken," he said, "by anticipating controversial issues before they become the occasion for extremists to use as political and economic opportunities for greedy purposes."

The extremist gambles on the pietism of the pastor, executives or the teacher, according to Oates, and on the assumption that the leader will keep what he knows and thinks to himself.

"Then he (the leader) becomes the victim of his own kindness. The extremist interprets his generosity as an admission of guilt and a sign of weakness. Then he (the extremist) has his group move in for the kill."

In other business, the Inter-Agency Council endorsed a denominational calendar for the years 1966-70, and heard plans for the 1966-67 denominational emphasis on "A church fulfilling its mission through education."

The council also reviewed a progress report on the planning of SBC emphases for 1970 and beyond.

The council does not determine policies for the Baptist agencies but coordinates and correlates promotion and planning.

Foy Valentine, Nashville, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, was elected chairman for the coming year. He succeeds R. Alton Reed of Dallas, executive secretary of the Annuity Board.

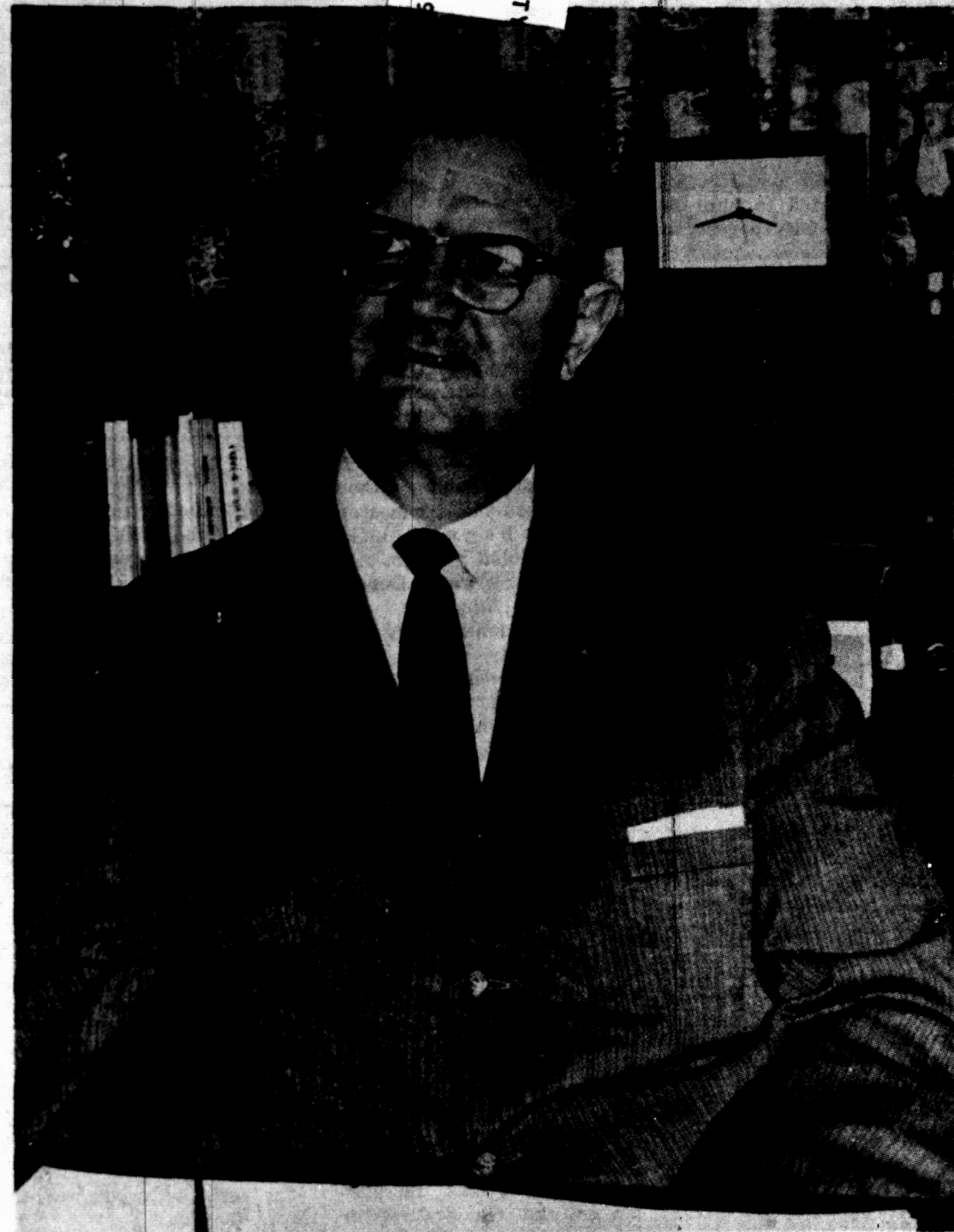
Elected vice chairman is Arthur B. Rutledge, Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board.

The new secretary-treasurer of the council is W. E. Grindstaff, Nashville, director of Cooperative Program promotion for the Stewardship Commission.

The next meeting of the Inter-Agency Council will be March 21-22, 1966 in Nashville.

Special Issue

Observing the
15th Anniversary
of
Chester L. Quarles
as
Executive Secretary-
Treasurer
of the Mississippi
Baptist Convention and
Convention Board



CHESTER L. QUARLES—

15 Fruitful Years

Dr. Chester L. Quarles of Sylacauga, Ala., became executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board on April 1, 1950, fifteen years ago, and the phenomenal growth and colorful history of the convention since that date has been closely identified with his outstanding leadership.

Dr. Quarles, at the time happily situated as pastor of First Baptist Church, Sylacauga, was elected by the Convention Board just as he was considering the call

of a large church in Florida.

This added to the difficulties of his decision but after much prayer, conference and consideration, he "felt directed of God to accept the Mississippi position."

In his letter of acceptance to the Executive Committee of the Board he said, "... I have from the beginning been keenly conscious of the tremendous responsibilities that rest upon the shoulders of the one who holds this responsible position. If this work is done acceptably I shall need wisdom from God and cooperation from the brethren. Please pray that I may find in this new situation the happy and spiritually profitable life."

A quick glance at the record of the convention these past 15 years and the part that Dr. Quarles has had is evidence that his prayers have been answered.

Through his leadership and the cooperation of the brethren, Mississippi Baptists have made tremendous strides and reached new heights in Kingdom progress.

April 1, 1950 Dr. Quarles succeeded Dr. D. A. "Scotchie" McCall who had been executive secretary since 1939 and who resigned to become pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicago.

Native of State
Dr. Quarles, a native Mississippian, had spent most of his life previously out of the state with the exception of the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Leland from 1942-47.

Mississippi Baptists have shown substantial and steady growth and expansion during the past decade and a half. In 1950 Mississippi Baptists numbered 388,426, compared to 490,804 in 1964, a phenomenal gain of 23.8 percent.

There are 1828 churches in the convention today compared to 1554 in 1950, a substantial gain of 17.6 percent.

Cooperative Program con-

tributions in 1950 totaled \$796,645, as compared to \$2,802,356 for 1964, a gain of 251.8 percent.

Total mission gifts in 1950 were \$1,349,214, as compared to \$4,392,310 in 1964, a gain of 225.5 percent.

Grand total gifts in 1950 were \$6,540,408 in comparison to \$25,739,936 in 1964, a substantial increase of 293.6 percent.

The value of church property, while only \$23,633,

Statistics, while very convincing, do not tell all the story, because we see as we look further a substantial expansion and improvement in all departments and phases of denominational life, all with one motive, as Dr. Quarles would say, the extension of the Kingdom.

Duties Outlined
To get an understanding and appreciation of the responsibilities and duties of the executive secretary, we turn to the State Convention Constitution which says "... who

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N. Zealand Crusade Lists 137 Churches

DALLAS (BP)—A Southern Baptist evangelism leader said here that all but four of the 141 churches in the Baptist Union of New Zealand have asked for United States evangelists for their September crusade.

"The enthusiasm there has amazed us," said Eual Lawson of Dallas, associate in the evangelism division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Lawson was commenting on the Trans-Pacific Simultaneous Revival Crusade set for Sept. 12-26 in New Zealand. Earlier, evangelism leaders had anticipated a maximum of 125 churches would take part.

There is a possibility of unanimous participation, Lawson said. The other four churches are without pastors now and were reluctant to commit themselves.

Lawson said, after a two-week visit to New Zealand, that he found a concern for revival in the country and evidence of excellent advance preparation for the campaign.

The Baptist Union, under the leadership of Evangelism Director Roland Hart of Auckland, is publishing a revival planbook, a songbook, and

follow-up materials for the crusade.

Wherever practical, Lawson said, fellowship meetings will be held during the crusade with co-directors, one an American and the other from New Zealand, to give guidance to the programs.

The response of pastors in the United States has been "very encouraging" according to Lawson. He said a number of races will be represented in the group, including Chinese and Negro.

Evangelists, to be enlisted from all states, will stay in the homes of local pastors. Lawson said this has proved beneficial in previous campaigns.

Hart from New Zealand will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, the Baptist World Alliance in Miami, and visit other cities in the United States for conferences and to provide information about the crusade and about New Zealand.

There are 1.5 million people in the two islands of New Zealand, and more than 18,000 Baptists in the Baptist Union, a self-supporting Baptist group which grew from British mission work.

Like A Jewel Of Many Facets

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Rev. Chester Quarles Elected to Baptist Post," announced a Jackson newspaper in March of 1950.

Since Chester Quarles began his duties as executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in April of that year, 15 years ago, the work of Mississippi Baptists has gone forward at a steady pace. Another record in this issue recounts the record of progress from year to year.

Born in Wiggins, Mississippi, Chester Lew Quarles moved with his family to Gulfport three months later.

Like a many-handed octopus from the sea, an epidemic of polio crept through the coastal city, grasping youngsters right and left. Something like the man in Grimm's Fairy Tales who could kill "seven at a blow," the paralysis struck thirteen at one time. The youngest

of these thirteen, the five-months-old Chester, was the only one of the stricken children who lived. On him the plague left its mark—a crippled and practically useless right arm.

The son of Hugh A. and Grace Herrington Quarles started to school in Gulfport at the age of five.

He resolved to do with one hand what everybody else could do with two. And in the astonishing variety of things he has undertaken, he has excelled.

At thirteen, living in Troy, Alabama, he accepted Christ as Saviour. He now had an ally in making his life count for something. His life motto became "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13).

One day sixteen-year-old Chester stood under a tree, listening to the rustle of the leaves above his head.

Shouts and laughter sounded across the campus of Troy High School, new high, now low, like a kite rising and dipping in the wind. It was "little" recess time—lunch hour was "big" recess. Boys ran and tumbled and talked all about him, but Chester felt himself alone in the presence of God. His ears were ready to hear and his heart was ready to understand when, that day under the blue sky in the shade of an oak tree, God called him to preach.

It was not until six months later that he made public his call to the ministry. Chester was a member of the B. Y. P. U. of First Baptist Church, Troy, Alabama. When his pastor, Dr. G. B. Arendall, heard him speak and lead in prayer, he said, "Boy, you ought to be a preacher!" Forgetting his self-imposed silence, Chester blurted, "That's just what I'm going to be!"

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N. Z. BAPTISTS PREPARING FOR AMERICANS' VISIT

WELLINGTON, N. Z. (RNS)—Officials of the New Zealand Baptist Union were starting preparations here for a two-week visit to the country next fall by about 140 Baptist ministers from the United States.

Arranged by the Southern Baptist Convention in the U. S. and the New Zealand union, the Sept. 12-26 program will place the visiting clergymen with individual congregations to conduct special meetings.

Like A Jewel . . .

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Quarles' formal education included study for an A. B. degree at Howard College, Birmingham, and the Th. M. degree at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Mississippi College awarded to him the Doctor of Divinity degree, in 1962.

While a student at Howard, Chester was active in tennis, baseball, dramatic club, debating society, and Baptist Student Union, serving as president of the latter. He was the first cheerleader in the history of the college to receive a letter for his work as cheerleader. He was the second student in the history of the college to get the Gold Honor Award, presented for points earned in student activities.

Well liked by fellow students, Chester was elected president of the sophomore and senior classes in high school and friendliest student in his senior year at college. While at Southern Seminary he directed the Baptist League of Louisville and coached two championship basketball teams.

While working for two summers with boys at a Y.M.C.A. camp, he was an instructor in American Red Cross lifesaving methods, a position no

person in the whole world with the use of only one arm had ever held before. Tempted with a scholarship and a good job, he almost decided to enter boys' work full time, but he knew God wanted him to preach.

In Kentucky, Quarles was educational worker and director at Broadway Church, Louisville. For two years he was pastor at Newton, Alabama. Then, beginning in 1935, he spent the next seven and one-half years of his life as a Training Union worker, five years in Alabama and two and a half years as director of associational work in the Training Union Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

When he began a full-time Training Union work in Alabama, there was a Department of Education and Training, which included BSU work, Sunday school work, and Training Union work. In 1937, this department was divided, and Quarles became secretary of the Training Union and BSU work. In that year a record was set—more new Training Unions were organized in Alabama than in any other state in the Southern Baptist Convention.

In 1940 Quarles began work with The Sunday School Board as associate to Dr. J. E. Lambdin, south-wide Training Union secretary. Two years later, he returned to the state of his birth as pastor of First Church, Leland, Mississippi. Then, from 1947 to 1950, he was pastor of First Church, Sylacauga, Alabama.

And that brings the story up to the headline, "Rev. Chester Quarles Offered Baptist Post." Rev. Chester Quarles accepted the significant position offered him by Mississippi Baptists as their executive secretary. The following paragraphs will mention briefly some of the honors that have come to Chester, and some of the activities in which he has engaged, in the past 15 years.

He has been exceedingly active in denominational affairs on a Convention-wide basis. In 1955 he was president of the Southern Baptist Executive Secretaries' Association. In 1959 he was first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was chairman of the Future Program Committee, Joint Promotion Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention, and a member of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee and the 1961 Emphasis Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. He is chairman of the Long Range Rural Church Work Committee of the Home Mission Board, SBC.

In his travels Dr. Quarles has participated in a preaching mission to Jamaica and has conducted preaching missions to Argentina and to Spain. He has visited the Holy Land, the Near East, and Europe. Also, he conducted a touring party to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the Baptist World Alliance in 1960.

In the United States, he led a preaching mission to the Dakotas, Montana, and Wyoming in 1958, and was chaplain for the Mississippi Baptist Laymen's Crusade to Denver in 1960. He was co-director of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Mission to Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana in 1961.

Mrs. Quarles is the former Virginia Cooper. She and her husband have three children, Mary Virginia, Chester Leland, and Grace Elaine. The son is married now and has a small daughter, adding the role of grandfather to the many roles Dr. Quarles had played. Among these roles—also, fisherman, hunter, golfer.

A so-called handicap gave Chester Lew Quarles the incentive, the determination to be able to do anything and to do everything well. With unfailing courage in the face of all obstacles, he is far stronger than the average man with two good arms. Humbly remembering that he was the only one of the thirteen sick children who lived, he has done the work of thirteen—speaker, boys' camp worker, athletic director, educational director, pastor,



1954—THE FIRST SOUTHWIDE RURAL CHURCH CONFERENCE was held at First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, May 11-14, 1954. Pictured at that conference, left to right: S. F. Dowis, Home Mission Board, now retired; Chester L. Quarles; Courts Redford, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, now retired; and Porter Routh, executive secretary, Executive Committee, SBC.

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shall be the chief executive, administrative and promotional agent of the Convention and the Convention Board."

This itself covers a tremendous territory and we observe that Dr. Quarles is also treasurer of the Convention Board.

According to the Constitution, the treasurer "shall be in charge of all properties, monies, funds, trusts, and other financial assets of the Convention, under the supervision of the Convention Board."

Under his leadership the work and program of the Convention Board has been enlarged, improved and expanded during these 15 years.

Those who have worked closely with Dr. Quarles observe that he boosts his associates and in his deep sense of genuine humility says that "he gets the credit for the work they do."

His associates however, fully conscious of his marked ability, sincere humility, sense of dedication and boundless energy, always give due credit to his leadership in the entire life of the convention.

The enlargement, improvement and expansion of the work and program of the convention the past 15 years perhaps could best be symbolized by pointing to the action of the Convention last November in voting to acquire or build a new state Baptist headquarters building to replace the present structure which has become inadequate.

This has surely been one of the dreams of the executive secretary and with the Executive Committee working at the full speed on the project an announcement on definite plans is expected soon.

Perhaps the most important addition to the work of the convention during the past 15 years was the purchase of Gulfshore Assembly in 1959 as surplus property from the U. S. Government.

Value of \$2,000,000

The property, with a replacement value of \$2,000,000, has been gradually improved until now Mississippi Baptists have one of the most complete and modern assembly facilities in the Southern Baptist Convention.

A crowning climax came in February when a full time assemblies manager was named.

Before the acquisition of Gulfshore the convention had previously purchased Camp Kittiwake, also on the Gulf Coast, and had used it for several years as an assembly facility.

Kittiwake is used now as a Royal Ambassador Camp, and for housing staffers and

Training Union worker, executive secretary, denominational leader, president, committeeman, promoter, and tour conductor.

Like a jewel of many facets, Chester Quarles' life exhibits brilliance and depth when all these facts are brought to light. A nimble tongue, a brilliant mind, a quick wit, a strong body, a glowing personality, a love-filled heart, a dedicated soul—these are embodied in Chester Lew Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for the past 15 years. In all the places where he has served, he has served as one dedicated to the Lord, knowing that his strength is in Christ.

overflow guests from Gulfshore.

Several important new additions to the organizational work of the Convention Board have been noted during the past 15 years.

These include the Department of Work with Negroes, the Office of Business Manager, the juvenile delinquency ministry, the Mississippi Baptists News Service, and the ministry to the deaf.

The Department of Work with Negroes, added in 1953, has grown in its ministry as it supports also the program of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary for Negroes.

An important outgrowth of this work has been that of the inter-faith Committee of Concern which is assisting in the rebuilding of many of the recently burned Negro churches in the state.

The office of Business Manager was created in 1956 to supervise the growing work of the Convention Board. Through this office many improvements have been made in business management and likewise numerous economies have been effected. The business manager is also personnel director of the Board.

The work of stewardship and evangelism have been greatly strengthened through a realignment last year in which the office of associate executive secretary was discontinued and its work divided into separate departments of stewardship and evangelism.

The former Rural Church Work Department several years ago was converted into the Cooperative Missions Department, enlarging and strengthening that phase which includes the juvenile delinquency and deaf ministry.

Temperance Promotion Temperance promotion, while taking several approaches during the past 15 years, has been constantly strengthened with a full-time director of temperance work the past few years.

With the retirement of the director this year, the Christian Action Commission of the State Convention has been added, with its full program to be announced later.

Through the cooperation of the State Board the promotion of the various SBC Annuity Board plans has been strengthened since there is now a full-time director in the state for this work.

A comprehensive pioneer missions program has also been added, one "over-and-above" the regular mission channels. This is the Montana project in which the Convention Board has appointed a pioneer missions committee and "adopted" the state of Montana as its major field.

The committee has sponsored mission crusades to other points in the west and has been instrumental in establishing new Baptist work in many areas.

Another important step during the past decade and a half has been the creation of the Convention's Long Range Planning Committee.

This committee meets regularly and is systematically studying the various phases of the work of the convention with a view to improvement, expansion or realignment.

The committee has already made several recommendations with others being prepared. The history interests of the convention have been given additional emphasis with the creation several years ago of the Historical Commission, which has augmented the

work of the State Historical Society.

Communicating the Gospel has always been paramount in the thinking and planning of the executive secretary and he has from the very beginning sought to keep abreast of the times.

One of First Actions

One of the first actions he took after assuming office was to establish the Mississippi Baptist News Service, for the purpose of providing the news of the work and program of the Convention Board to the secular press, radio and television outlets in the state.

In 1958 the executive secretary in joint effort with the editor of the Baptist Record joined the SBC teletype network in its beginning by installing a machine in the Baptist Building.

The executive secretary was instrumental in planning the recent statewide television and radio message by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In 1963 a series of six highway signs, advertising the convention, were erected at strategic locations on main highways leading into the state.

The Bible has always had a prominent place in his heart and life. His life's motto is: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

As a result of this he founded the Gulfshore Bible Conference which has grown in attendance and effectiveness and has the potential of becoming one of the leading Bible conferences in the Convention.

In conclusion one might ask how one person can seemingly accomplish so much. His motto provides the key, but long hours and hard work are much in evidence.

What does he do? He preaches, teaches, speaks, counsels, confers, administers, studies, plans, writes and promotes, to name a few.

In addition to his direct work with the Convention Board he works closely with the officials of every phase of the life of the state convention and participates as well in the life of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Under the leadership of Dr. Quarles and "with the cooperation of the brethren" Mississippi Baptists have for the past 15 years increasingly contributed their share in advancing the Kingdom of God on earth.

The entire King James Version of the Bible is now recorded for use by the blind on 67 records playing at 16 2-3 revolutions per minute.



SHARON BALL, Savannah, Tennessee, has been elected President of the Baptist Student Union Council for the 1965-66 session, at Blue Mountain College. Miss Ball is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Lamar O. Ball.

Names In The News

Irving Hitt, B. S. U. President at Mississippi State University, was the recent Youth Night speaker at the Association Youth night in Alcorn County.

Dr. Harold Songer, Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., spoke on the subject, "The Basis for Christian Morality" to the single students and at the monthly seminar of the married students of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State University.

James N. Jeffrey, Executive Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was the featured speaker at the annual B.S.U. Banquet at Mississippi State University. Mr. Jeffrey also spoke to the varsity athletes on the campus during his visit.

Rev. John W. Crosby completed two years as pastor of the Walnut Church Sunday, March 14. There have been 18 additions, 12 by baptism. Office equipment has been purchased, central heating and cooling of the plant has been installed, a youth choir organized, and other improvements made on the church property.

lic schools to some extent if their pupils are to receive their aids. In some instances they may create community tensions and abuses if either the school board or the private school interests press for undue advantage.

Question: What has been the position of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs on the new education bill?

Answer: The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs neither endorses nor opposes federal aid to education. Neither can nor does the committee attempt to speak for all Baptists on such issues.

However, the Baptist agency played an important role in this legislation. From the first it was evident that Congress would pass an education bill this year. The problem was to get the best bill possible from a church-state viewpoint. The executive director of the committee, C. Emanuel Carlson, testified at hearings before both the Senate and House subcommittees on education. He made many constructive suggestions for the improvement of the proposed bill to safeguard the principles of religious liberty and separation of church and state.

Other organizations also testified and made suggestions for improvement of the church-state principles of the bill. The House subcommittee. (Continued on page 6)

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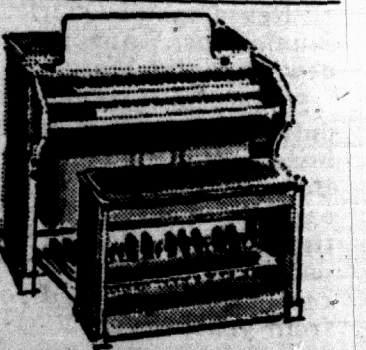
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1953—THIRD ANNUAL PASTOR'S AND BROTHERHOOD ASSEMBLY, Camp Garaywa, was held June 29-July 3, 1953. This meeting was initiated the next year after Dr. Quarles became executive secretary.



MAY 6, 1956—When Ebenezer Church, Mississippi Association, celebrated its 150th anniversary on May 6, 1956, Dr. Quarles was on program. Standing by the grave of Richard Curtis, Ebenezer's first pastor, left to right above, are former Governor J. P. Coleman, Dr. Quarles, and Rev. H. J. McCool, pastor at Ebenezer for many years. (Ebenezer is one of the state's oldest Baptist churches.)



First And Second Million Milestones For Cooperative Program

PHOTOS ABOVE record the passing of the first and second million milestones in Cooperative Program giving since the coming of Dr. Chester L. Quarles as executive secretary in 1950. Top photo was taken in 1953 showing the check from Steen's Creek Church (now Florence First) that put the Cooperative Program over the first million dollar mark. Mr. B. B. Fridgen, head bookkeeper (at left) and Mrs. Van Cotton, assistant, hold check as Dr. Quarles, executive secretary, (left) and J. E. Lane, treasurer, look on. Lower photo was taken in 1955 when the second million was reached. The same two bookkeepers hold check from Oayka Church which put the objective that year over the goal. Looking on are from left, Dr. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer; A. L. Nelson, business manager, and Dr. Joe T. Odle, Baptist Record editor.



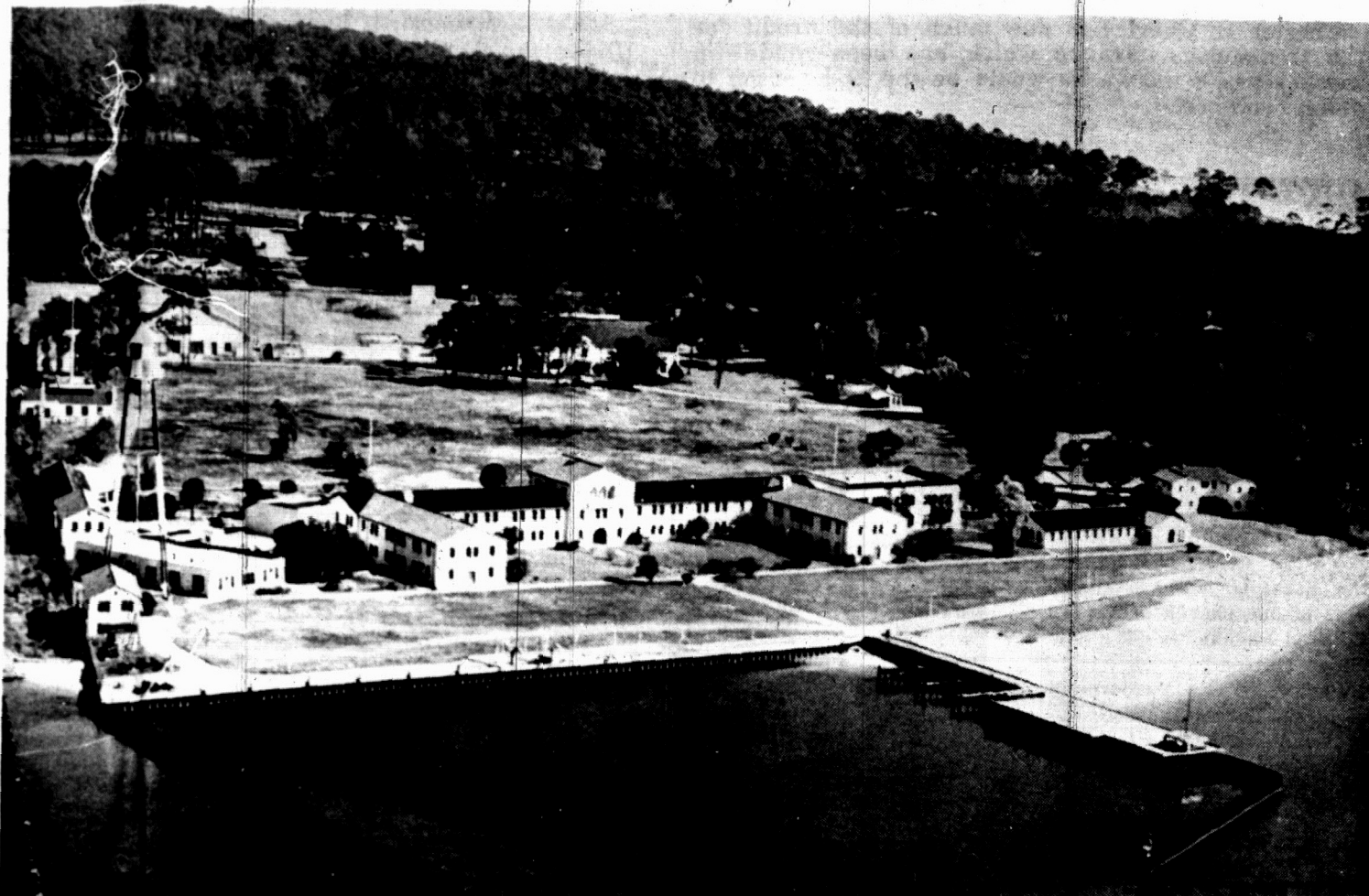
DECEMBER, 1959—DR. J. E. LAMBDIN'S RETIREMENT DINNER. Having served as both state and southwide Training Union worker, Dr. Quarles attended the retirement dinner held for Dr. Lambdin just prior to his retirement on December 31, 1959 as Secretary, Training Union Department, SBC. Pictured, left to right, are Dr. Quarles; Dr. Joe Davis Heacock, Southwestern Seminary; Dr. Lambdin, and Dr. Allen Graves, Southern Seminary. Dr. Lambdin died a short time later.



1955—DR. AND MRS. CHESTER L. QUARLES and Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Goodrich depart for Europe, to attend the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in London. Dr. Goodrich was the sixth editor of the Baptist Record. Mrs. Goodrich still lives in Clinton, where she teaches in the kindergarten of the Clinton Baptist Church.

Chester L. Quarles, 1950-1965—

Pictures From The Past



JULY 22, 1960—GULFSHORE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY is dedicated.



JUNE, 1959—MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST MISSION TO SPAIN AND ITALY, conducted by Chester L. Quarles and Dr. W. G. Fields. Pictured above, the group having dinner in Jerusalem.



1960—DISCUSSING THE CHILDREN'S BUILDING AT GULFSHORE Baptist Assembly, are W. R. Roberts (Gulfshore's first manager), A. L. Nelson (Gulfshore's second manager, and Dr. Quarles.



OCTOBER, 1967—MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST MISSION TO ARGENTINA, conducted by Dr. Chester L. Quarles.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Fifteen Glorious Years

On April 1, Dr. Chester L. Quarles begins his sixteenth year as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

For fifteen years Mississippi Baptists have entrusted the general direction of their denominational program to his hands. Many feel that no Baptist group in the world has been under more able leadership during this period.

These have been years of tremendous advance in every area of the convention program.

These have been years of inauguration of important new programs, and enlargement and strengthening of the old ones.

These have been years of amazing growth of the convention budget, and continually increasing support on the part of the churches.

These have been years of unity and fellowship, even in the midst of disturbing problems and divisive situations.

These have been years of forward-looking planning and preparation, with the projection of great plans for the future.

Credit Due A Leader

Chester L. Quarles is due much of the credit for the tremendous advance which has been made in these years, although he would be the last person to claim such credit.

His broad vision has conceived plans for an ever enlarging Mississippi Baptist program for the glory of God.

His tremendous faith has encouraged other leaders within the state, and has challenged all of them, pastors, laymen and denominational workers, to support these broad plans, and to enter into great programs.

His wise direction has led in the forming of a strong denominational organization, and in the bringing to its places of responsibility the finest leadership that could be found.

His outstanding Christian spirit has brought confidence and unity in every area of the work.

His dedication and consecration has inspired all of those who work with him, as well as pastors and laymen all over the state.

His humility and selflessness has made him a leader beloved, trusted by every Baptist and all other Christians in the state.

His interest in world missions has made the whole state mission conscious, and has given him a place of missionary leadership far beyond the bounds of Mississippi. The influence of his witness has been felt all over the Southern Baptist Convention, and in many other lands.

His able denominational statesmanship has been recognized all over the Southern Baptist Convention, so that he has served as a convention vice-president, and on many important convention committees.

His love for Christ has led him to give himself untiringly, so that he has been on the go, day and night, week after week, often at the sacrifice of personal health, and home life, in order to serve the denomination and the churches.

His ability as a Bible scholar and a pulpiteer has made him a welcomed guest in churches all over Mississippi and across the nation.

Mississippi Baptist Advance

Under the leadership of Dr. Quarles, Mississippi Baptists have made tremendous advance in every division of their work.

The Cooperative Program world mission budget receipts have grown by more than \$2,000,000, increasing from \$800,000 to more than \$2,800,000.

The convention budget has been increased almost four-fold, and the convention board program has been greatly expanded.

The educational institutions have made tremendous advance in physical equipment, curriculum and enrollment.

The Mississippi Baptist hospital has more than doubled its property and its ministry.

The Children's Village is just ready to move to a beautiful new campus, and to begin a much broader ministry.

The assemblies program of the convention has been greatly enlarged, with the purchase first of Kittiwake, and then of Gulfshore. Today no Southern Baptist state convention has a finer or more effective assemblies ministry than do Mississippi Baptists.

The department of work with Negroes has been developed into the largest such ministry by far to be found in any state of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the past few years plans have been under consideration for a new headquarters building. Property has been purchased looking forward to this step, and today the fulfillment of that purpose seems not far from accomplishment.

Membership of the convention and the number of churches has seen steady increase through the entire fifteen years.

This is only a partial list of the advances which have been made. They are so numerous it would be impossible to name them all.

Gratitude

Mississippi Baptists, on the occasion of this fifteenth anniversary, thank God for the leadership of Dr. Quarles.

They assure him of their continued support as he leads the way for a greater, more effective witness for Christ, by the Baptists of Mississippi.

NAE Appeals To LBJ In Opposing 'Parochial' Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—The National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) said it opposed tax money "in any amount being spent to support parochial or private schools, whether it is categorical aid directly to the school or indirectly through the individual attending the school."

Floyd W. Robertson, assistant to the executive director, said the organization, which represents 40 state denominations, has officially expressed its concern to Donald Baker, general counsel of the Office of Economic Opportunity, which is administering funds for the President's anti-poverty program.

Some funds involved in the OEO's program includes grants to parochial schools which are helping carry out in struction programs for the needy — Catholic and non-Catholic—in their parishes.

"The implementation of the poverty program involves generous grants that end up in payments to parochial schools," Mr. Robertson said. NAE, he added, is exploring ways by which "a more emphatic protest" can be registered.

Speaking specifically of President Johnson's request, which includes shared educational facilities and courses in some programs, and grants for non-sectarian library and textbooks where there is need, he said, NAE's unofficial position is that it "deplores these unconstitutional aspects of the bill."

Mr. Robertson claimed this would provide the "foot in the door" that Catholics and other advocates of aid to parochial students "have been waiting for."

The American Bible Society's worldwide Scripture distribution goal for its 150th Anniversary Year in 1968 is 75,000,000 copies annually.

A new National Campus Ministry has been organized by the American Bible Society to encourage Bible reading and study among 4,000-000 students in American colleges and universities.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

April 5—Peggy Emerson, faculty, Mississippi College; Bradley Pope, Baptist student director, Mississippi College.

April 6—James Terpo, Panola County superintendent of missions; Milton Williams, Pontotoc county superintendent of missions.

April 7—Kathleen Wright, Baptist Book Store; Mrs. A. L. McGaugh, Clarke College faculty.

April 8—Mrs. Julia Loper, Carey College faculty; Mrs. Dorothy Brown, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing.

April 9—Mrs. Mary Catherine Atwood, Baptist Building; Mrs. Betty Bingham, Baptist headquarters.

April 10—Lula Mae Smith, staff, Children's Village; Wilfred Tyler, president, Blue Mountain College.

April 11—Frederick S. Rolater, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Hilda Jane Jones, Baptist Book Store.

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PAGES

FROM THE PAST

by J. L. Boyd

60 Years Ago

J. L. Johnson Jr., Editor of B.Y.P.U. work, writes that the B.Y.P.U. with 27 members of one church drove ten miles in wagons "to get a new Union started."

Pastor W. F. Yarborough of First Church, Jackson, figures that his \$1850 salary, together with a pastor's home plus "payment of telephone bills makes a salary equivalent to \$2,000."

50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Deaton, managers of the Ministerial Mess Hall of Mississippi College Campus thank the good women of the W.M.U.'s of the State for remembering them at Christmas time. Funds received went to buying nice linen and napkins for the tables.

Panticola Church (?) County, had ten additions to the church roll, seven of them for baptism, during their annual protracted meeting, in which Pastor W. L. Coggins was assisted by S. A. Thompson as visiting preacher. Lena Poe, reporting. (Will someone let me know if this church changed its name or dissolved?)

40 Years Ago

Pastor Dan W. Moulder announces that he will serve ten Baptist churches in the following counties during 1925: Covington, Jones, Scott, Smith and Rankin.

25 Years Ago

The Southside Church, Jackson, had its beginning in 1939 under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Percy Cooper who came directly from the Baptist Bible Institute. (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.)

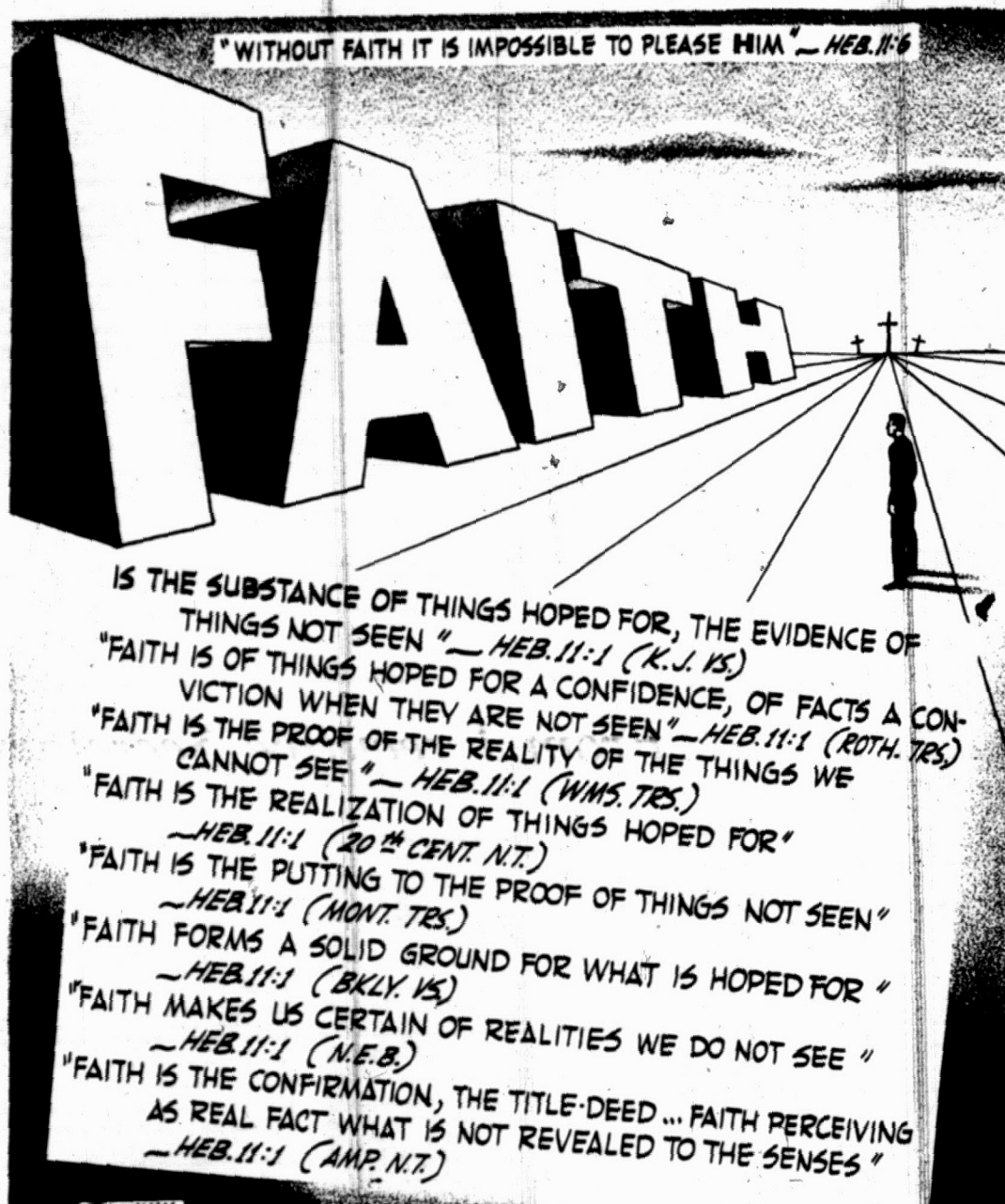
Texas Board Asks Church-State Study

WACO, Tex. (BP) — The Texas Baptist executive board meeting at Baylor University here voted to ask a committee to re-study the convention's policy on church-state separation and elected four new employees to fill staff vacancies.

Meeting at Baylor in conjunction with the school's ministers day, the State Baptist Board asked board chairman J. Carroll Chadwick to appoint a 15-member board to re-study the convention's 1961 statement on church-state separation.

Resolutions opposing Texas legislation that would legalize race track gambling and liquor by the drink were adopted by the board.

More than 3,000 translators on six continents are at work translating and revising the Holy Bible into local languages and dialects.



Examining An Eternal 'Material'

Newest In Books

VARIETIES OF UNBELIEF by Martin E. Marty (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 231 pp., \$5.00)

A scholarly study of unbelief in America. The book originated in a series of lectures given at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, but has been greatly enlarged from those lectures. The individual who wishes to understand the various forms of unbelief which prevail in our day should make this book "must" reading.

JESUS CHRIST, A STUDY OF THE GOSPELS by Arthur R. Eikamp (Warner Press, 176 pp., \$2.95)

A study of the life of Christ from the day of his birth to his ascension. A down-to-earth, popular-type study prepared for the average reader.

DILIGENTLY COMPARED by Miller Burroughs (Thomas Nelson & Sons, 278 pp., \$6.50)

A careful comparison of the differences between the Revised Standard Version and the King James Version of the Old Testament. The book is in three divisions; the first, discussing changes in English without change in meaning; the second, the differences of interpretation; and the third, the Hebrew and Aramaic text. The book is well indexed, both by subject and by text, so that the student can quickly refer to any text. This is a tool for the careful student.

THE CHRISTIAN WORLD OF C. S. LEWIS by Clyde S. Kilby (Eerdmans, 216 pp., \$4.50)

C. S. Lewis was one of the outstanding Christian writers of the 20th century, but was often unusual in his methods of presenting religious truth. An example is the widely-read Screwtape Letters which presented spiritual truth in an allegorical manner. This book analyzes the life and work of Lewis and his influence on modern Christian thinking.

THE ANCHOR BIBLE: GENESIS (Doubleday and Company, 378 pp., \$6.00)

THE ANCHOR BIBLE: THE EPISTLES OF JAMES, PETER, AND JUDE (Doubleday and Company, 221 pp., \$5.00)

These are volumes 1 and 37 of a proposed new translation of the Bible to be issued in 38 volumes. Each of the 38 volumes will be an entirely new translation by an internationally recognized authority, who will also contribute an extensive introduction to the book. Several pages of notes and comments will support each page of translation. The volume on Genesis is by E. A. Speiser of the University of Pennsylvania. There is a 76-page introductory section giving the modern critical scholar's view of the Bible. The translation is based upon the latest findings of manuscripts and scholarship research, while the notes and comments which follow each chapter also are scholarly in point of view. What is said of Genesis can similarly be said of the New Testament volume. This set will be valuable to the teacher, scholar, and to many preachers, but probably will not have wide popular circulation. This will be true both because of its price and also because of its scholarly content.

PERSONAL FINANCE FOR CLERGYMEN by John C. Bramer, Jr. (Prentice-Hall, Inc., 160 pp., \$3.95)

Written in highly readable style, this volume offers practical advice about budgeting, saving, borrowing, insurance planning, investing and retirement planning. It discusses tax rulings that are applicable to clergymen. It also examines such ethical problems as tax free church property. Though written with the preacher in mind, this book will be of interest to the layman. The author is in full accord with Christian stewardship practices.

THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE by Henry B. Brandt (Scripture Press, 79 pp., paperback)

This booklet deals with the aspects of man's search for peace of mind. Chapters discuss mental health, emotions, faulty thought patterns, and similar topics.

BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, Okla.

HARDENING PHARAOH'S HEART

(Exodus 4:21)

"And the Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thy hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go." (Exodus 4:21.)

Jehovah was sending Moses into Egypt to effect the liberation of the Israelites. To assure him Jehovah gave Moses signs which were miraculous in nature (Ex. 4:1-9). These signs were designed to prove to Moses, first, and then to Pharaoh that Jehovah was with His servant. Now Moses is commanded to use these signs before the Egyptian ruler.

The problem in this verse centers in the words "I will harden his heart." Does this mean that Jehovah arbitrarily hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he could not believe the signs? If so, then this is out of character for Jehovah's nature as He is revealed to us. In order to understand this statement it must be considered in the larger context of this entire story.

In the first place, the very purpose of the signs was to convince Pharaoh of Jehovah's presence and power with Moses. It is inconceivable, therefore, that He would deliberately harden his heart so that he would not believe.

In the second place, the Hebrew word rendered "harden" means to make strong or firm (cf. Deut. 31:6-7, 23). In other references (Ex. 8:15; 32; 9:34) it says that Pharaoh hardened

his own heart against miraculous signs. And it is in this light that we must consider Exodus 4:21.

Throughout this entire story we see a contest of strength between Pharaoh and Jehovah. No matter what power Jehovah displayed Pharaoh hardened his heart or it became stronger against it. This was his own doing. But what about Jehovah hardening the ruler's heart? We can understand this in the light of God's permissive will. He did not perpetrate it but permitted it in that He would not violate Pharaoh's personality to coerce him against his own will.

In the third place, God works by law whether it be natural, physical, moral, or spiritual. When man violates any one of these laws he must pay the penalty of said violation. The more man hardens his heart against God the more obstinate it becomes. The more difficult it is to do otherwise. So it can be said that God hardens a man's heart only in that He permits him to act according to his own will. And when man chooses to be strong in his rebellious will against God, God finally recognizes that fact, and man must pay the penalty thereof.

Man is a personality with the right of choice. In this lies his greatest dignity. But he can continue to refuse God until he is unable to respond to Him. This should serve as a warning to each of us. We are free to choose to serve Jehovah or not to serve Him. But we are responsible for our choices.

Historically Speaking

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.

Seemingly to pacify the town of Clinton the 1892 Convention at Meridian passed a resolution to transfer the College Campus at Clinton to the Central Baptist Association to be operated as an Academy.

But Clinton had not given up the "fight" for her Mississippi College—which was truly "the apple of her eye". Some Clintonians, "putting on their thinking caps", as it were, faintly remembered the one stipulation of the "Founding Fathers" to be "should the Denomination fail to keep up a school on the property, it would revert back to the Trustees" of the Town of Clinton. Clinton employed a lawyer who found the record as above quoted. He said the action of the Convention was null and void.

Clinton breathed a sigh of relief, doubtless, when this legal decision was announced. Baptists over the state, apparently, took it seriously yet good naturedly. Plans were made immediately to make necessary improvements on the campus; the college re-

gained the lost students of the previous session and Meridian rallied to the support of the college. Dr. J. W. Province showed up on the campus as the head of the Science Department. He directed a crew of workmen in improving the streets of the town, opening up Jefferson Street for use from the campus to midtown. Everybody seemed to "perk up" in and around the college and Clinton. And throughout the state greater effort was put forth to increase the endowment.

Shortly afterward, Dr. W. T. Lowrey, president of Blue Mountain College, who favored removal at the Meridian Convention, was elected president of Mississippi College. He proved to be the right man at the right place at the right time. It was during his administration that Mississippi Baptists came to own Mississippi College unconditionally as their Very Own.

"Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong" — Abraham Lincoln.

Baptist Leaders Express Appreciation For Dr. Quarles

Appreciation From State Convention President

By Earl Kelly
President Mississippi Baptist Convention
(Representing All Former State Presidents)

The living Presidents of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention join the hosts of Dr. Quarles' friends in expressing our deep appreciation for his fifteen years of leadership. We pray God that he may be given the opportunity to lead us for many more years.

The very nature of the organizational structure of our denomination limits the number of men who can serve as President of the Convention during a fifteen year span. During Dr. Quarles' tenure as Executive Secretary, nine men have held this position. We nine men have had the privilege of observing a facet of the Secretary's work which no board member or institutional head could observe. We have observed that the scope of his ministry has always been a Convention-Wide ministry.

The phenomenal growth of Baptist work in Mississippi during the past fifteen years has not been accidental. As Dr. Quarles has promooted the Cooperative Program, he has promoted every phase of our denominational witness. On many occasions the secretary has shared his dreams and prayerful concern about the colleges, the hospital, the orphanage, the assemblies, and the many programs of State Missions with the presidents. He has consistently expressed a personal responsibility for the welfare of each of them, yet, his concern has not ended there for the world is in his heart. His concern for world missions has not only been evident in promotion, but in personal participation on the foreign fields.

When the history of Baptists of the twentieth century will have been completed, one name will appear again and again—the name of Chester L. Quarles. The historian will, I believe, call him a man of unwavering courage. The historian could write: "He was an humble and gracious man, a pacesetter, a pioneer, an example, and one who could not be ignored. Because he was out front, he was a target for the Sanballats, yet, his greatness was seen in his tenderness toward them. He made mistakes, but was man enough to admit them and to rectify them. He followed what he believed to be the leadership of his Lord. All in all, God did a wonderful thing for Baptists when He gave them Chester L. Quarles."

Executive Committee Chm. Extends Commendation

By W. Douglas Hudgins
Chairman Executive Committee
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
(Representing All Former Executive Committee Chairmen)

In the continuing work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention no group serves with more intimate association with the executive secretary than the Executive Committee of the Convention Board.

This committee of nine, elected from the Board each year, meets each month and on call whenever necessary. Many hours of study, counsel, planning, discussion and prayer are spent with the Secretary and no one knows more intimately the heart and spirit of our Convention leader than do these men.

As the current chairman of the Executive Committee, I am speaking for all the men who have served as committeemen during these fifteen years of Dr. Quarles' leadership.

We thank God that He led Dr. Quarles to us in Mississippi on April 1, 1950. In this decade and a half we have witnessed a steady and deepening growth in all our work. From the first day Dr. Quarles has been a dedicated servant of God. As a preacher he has been loyal to the Book, impassioned for missions, fervent in evangelism, optimistic in his attitude, astute in his analysis of changing times, efficient in his business judgment, fair and impartial in his counsel, tactful and diplomatic in his leadership, tireless in his efforts, spiritual in his promotion, forward-looking in his planning, and courageous in his convictions.

While dedicated primarily to Kingdom work in our own state, Dr. Quarles has been able to share his missionary heart with efforts throughout the United States and in many areas of the world.

Now, with only one state secretary exceeding him in length of service, he is one of the leading denominational servants in the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

With growing appreciation of him as a man, as a preacher, as a denominational statesman, and as our Mississippi leader, all who have served by his side as members of the Executive Committee during his tenure, salute him on the occasion of his fifteenth anniversary, and pray that God's providence will keep him in full strength as our leader for many years to come!

Appreciation Received From HMB Executive Secretary

By Arthur B. Rutledge
Executive Secretary-Treasurer Home Mission Board
Southern Baptist Convention
(Representing the Long Range Committee and other SBC Committees)

I am pleased to be invited to write concerning Dr. Quarles as his fifteenth anniversary as executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is observed.

Dr. Quarles has rendered an outstanding service to home missions as chairman of the Long-Range Committee of the Home Mission Board. He has served in this place for thirteen years and is the only chairman this important group has had. Under his leadership the committee has set forth objectives and developed plans of work which have been fruitful in the strengthening of rural churches all across our convention.

In our cooperative relationships with him, touching all phases of the mission work of Mississippi Baptists, we have found Dr. Quarles to be considerate, fair and progressive. Under his general leadership, the mission work has progressed admirably in all areas, including Work with National Baptists, Language Missions, Juvenile Rehabilitation and associational missions work.

In every relationship Dr. Quarles has manifest a consistent Christian character and commitment. He is a source of strength and blessing to me personally and to all of my colleagues whose work relates to that of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

I congratulate Mississippi Baptists upon having the leadership of this dynamic Christian for the past decade and a half, and I congratulate Dr. Quarles upon his strong and fruitful ministry during these years.



IN 1958 AT HOUSTON, TEXAS Dr. Chester L. Quarles was elected as first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and is seen with the other officers elected at the time. From left: Dr. James Merritt, Georgia, senior secretary; Dr. Archie Ellis, South Carolina, second vice-president; Brooks Hays, Arkansas, president; Dr. Quarles; Dr. Porter Routh, Tennessee, executive secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Joe Burton, Tennessee, junior secretary.

Convention Board President President Of The Executive Secretaries Speaks

By T. R. McKibbens
President State Convention Board
(Representing All Former Board Presidents)

On April 1, 1965, Dr. Chester L. Quarles will observe his fifteenth anniversary as executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

As president of the Board, I want to join his countless friends in our state and across the Southern Baptist Convention in extending sincere congratulations. From the very beginning, his leadership has been strongly felt in every area of our work. His grasp of our total program and masterful handling of numerous details, combine to give us the kind of leadership that insures progress.

The phenomenal growth of our work can be attributed largely to his ability to gather around him well qualified department heads and associates which emulate his example of dedication and tireless effort. His strong and winsome personality inspire others to give their best in the cause of Christ.

Dr. Quarles is recognized all across the Southern Baptist Convention as one of our greatest leaders. His counsel and advice are sought by agencies, boards, committees and institutions which serve every area of our denominational life. His wisdom and good judgment help to shape and direct much that we do in World Missions. We here in Mississippi are signally honored to claim him as our own and are glad to share him with the wider circle of Baptist life in its total ministry.

Pastors, staff members and laymen in our churches know Dr. Quarles as a warm, personal friend and feel welcome and at ease in his presence. His interest in every facet of our work is apparent to those who work with him.

I am personally thankful, that in the Providence of God, it is my privilege as a pastor and Convention Board President, to work with him in Kingdom service. May God bless him and his family and give them many more years of fruitful service among Mississippi Baptists.

Appreciation Is Expressed From Fellow Workers

by W. R. Roberts
Annuity Board Secretary, Mississippi-SBC
Representing Employees of Baptist Building, Jackson

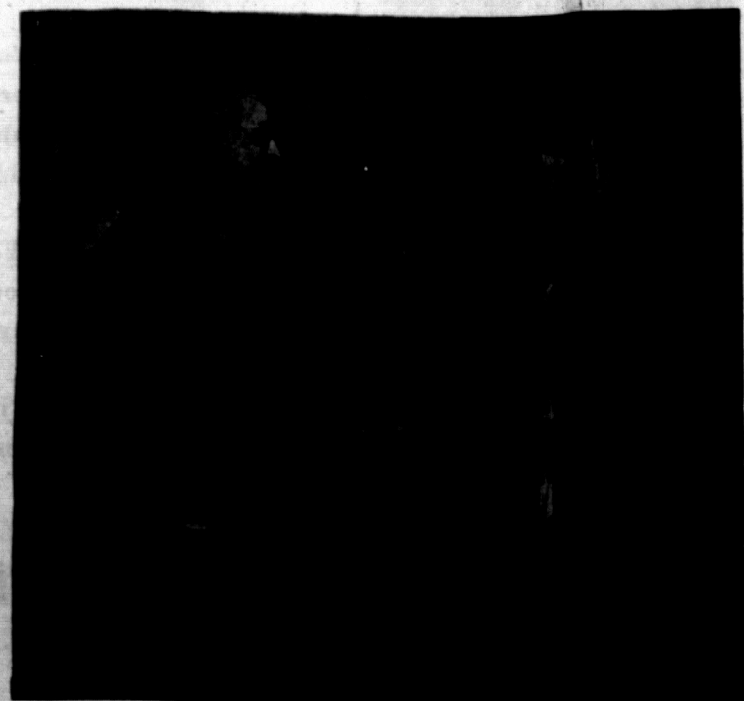
Anyone schooled in Baptist polity would know that one Baptist can't speak for other Baptists — usually. This is an exception. You see, I shall speak a word of appreciation for our boss, Chester L. Quarles.

For fifteen (15) years employees have come and gone in work for our Convention Board. We can't recall a single instance of an employee not honoring and respecting Chester. One of the first people to visit him recently in the hospital was one of our porters. Incidentally, the porters can see Chester just as easily and be treated just as courteously as a department head or the pastor of our largest church, Dr. Hudgins.

Moffitt translates Judges 8:21 as follows: "A man strikes a man's blow." If ever a man among us strikes a man's blow every chance he gets for Christ, it is our beloved Chester. He is never satisfied with his own accomplishments but never criticizes the weaknesses of those of us who work with him.

This writer has traveled some 150 to 200 thousand miles with Chester the past 15 years. One can't spend that much time with a person and not know him. He is all man, all the time and besides, he is a Christian gentleman. Ask any employee!

We salute our boss and wish him many more anniversaries with us.



1952—DR. D. M. NELSON, then president of Mississippi College, presents to Dr. Chester L. Quarles the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity.

By W. Fred Kendall
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Baptist Convention
(Representing All Present And Former State Executive Secretaries)

A man with a deep sense of dedication and commitment to Christ, with a personality that is magnetic and friendly, motivated by a genuine love for his fellow men—such a man is Chester Quarles. For a decade and a half he has led Mississippi Baptists magnificently. He has sought to lead the churches to the highest sense of achievement of the will of Christ and in the utilization of the basic principles of the New Testament in meeting the great problems of our time.

He has worked to create and maintain a great fellowship in Christ and a spirit of unit and teamwork in carrying out the many fine programs of the Convention.

Dr. Quarles is held in highest esteem and is greatly loved by all of his fellow Executive Secretaries. He has made a great contribution to all Southern Baptist life. He has given himself unselfishly in responding to the many calls for service which have come from so many areas of Southern Baptist life.

Fortunate are Mississippi Baptists to have such a leader. Baptists from all the other states and from all over the Southern Baptist Convention, and beyond, salute him on this his fifteenth anniversary.

From Executive Secretary-Treasurer Of The SBC

By Porter Routh
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Committee
Southern Baptist Convention
(Representing Southern Baptist Convention Agencies)

Will Rogers, the famous Oklahoma comedian, once made a statement that "I never knew a man I didn't like."

Will Rogers mean, of course, if you really took the time to know a man, you would find something about him that you liked. I recognize there may be problems if all men speak well of you, but Chester L. Quarles has those traits of Christian character so deeply ingrained in his very nature that one finds himself drawn to him in his leadership.

Chester L. Quarles is completing his fifteenth year as executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and he has served his state well, but he has also been a Christian statesman with a world outlook.

There is nothing provincial in the character and makeup of Chester L. Quarles. For many years the executive secretary - treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention has been invited to meet with the state secretaries, but several years ago Dr. Quarles made a motion at one of the meetings that I should be made a member of the organization in good standing. There is no feeling of exclusiveness of separation in the heart of this man.

It is a real joy to join with Mississippi Baptists in expressing appreciation to Dr. Quarles for his leadership, and above all, for his Christian character which stands as a solid rock amidst all of the complexities and turnouts of our day.

From The President Of The Southern Convention

By Wayne Dehoney
President Southern Baptist Convention
(Representing The Southern Baptist Convention)

In behalf of the unnumbered hosts of friends throughout the Southern Baptist Convention who have worked with you through the years, may I extend heartiest congratulations upon this occasion of your fifteenth anniversary as Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

You have many personal characteristics and unique endowments that have caused leaders throughout the Southern Baptist Convention to have such a deep admiration and respect for you.

Your wise judgment, keen insights and calm approach in times of tension and difficulty have marked you as a great leader.

Your genuine Christian spirit and attitude toward everybody and your complete dedication and surrender to the claim of Christ on your life have been an inspiration to all of us.

Your loyalty to the denomination and your total commitment to the cause of missions and our Baptist institutions, at home and abroad, have caused us many times to call you "blessed."

But, above all, your wonderful sense of humor has brought a chuckle and a blessing many times and helped us over some rough spots when the times were tense.

On this occasion we congratulate Mississippi Baptists on 15 years of unparalleled advance under your dynamic leadership. And may God add thereto many more happy and fruitful years under your leadership.

House To . . .

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patients, except doctors' fees, would be covered. From 20 to 100 days of post-hospital care in approved nursing homes and up to 100 home-nursing visits would be provided. Provisions would also be made for out-patient hospital diagnostic services.

The House ways and means committee added to the administration bill a voluntary insurance plan available to persons over 65 for coverage of doctors' fees and various other health services. Participants would pay premiums of \$3 which would be matched by the federal government. The insured would pay the first \$50 of these costs and would then receive coverage for 80 per cent of the remaining costs.

\$5.5 Billion Benefits

Administration officials estimate that \$5.5 billion of benefits would be paid in the first full year of operation. The basic health services and higher cash benefits would be financed by a series of increases in social security taxes on a broader wage base.

AMA'S "eldercare" plan, sponsored by Reps. A. Sydney Herlong Jr. (D., Fla.) and Thomas B. Curtin (R., Mo.), would provide a voluntary medical insurance program for all persons 65 and older. A state would have to take part in the plan before it would be available to its citizens.

Federal matching grants would be made to the states for purchasing private medical insurance for the aged and participants would pay premiums. Benefits would vary according to the private insurance policies but coverage would include hospital, nursing home, medical, surgical and drug costs.

The Republican leadership proposal, introduced by Rep. John W. Byrnes (R., Wis.), would provide a voluntary national health insurance program for persons 65 and older. It would be financed by a graduate premium contribution by the participant, by contributions from states, and by appropriations from federal general revenues.

Benefits under the republican plan would include 100 per cent of the first \$1,000 of hospital and nursing home room and board, 80 per cent of other hospital charges and surgical and medical costs after a deductible of \$50, and up to \$40,000 in case of a "catastrophic illness."

According to the Harris Survey the American people would welcome any of a variety of national health plans for the elderly. The Harris Survey is a polling service of The Washington Post, daily newspaper in the nation's capital.

The survey revealed that "feelings run strongly" about getting some medical plan under way and that "majorities in all groups of citizens are willing to support" either the administration's medicare plan or the AMA's eldercare plan. However, when given a choice, the poll showed that a government tax - financed program is favored 4 to 3 over a privately financed program.

Companion health care proposals have been introduced in the senate. The senate finance committee has indicated that hearings will be held when the house takes action. The house bill must first clear the rules committee before it can come to the floor for debate.

Graham Chair . . .

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the great metropolitan and industrial areas of America from the only seminary that is located strategically at the doorstep of these areas.

"I feel that the future of Southern Baptist growth lies in these areas," he continued. "The new chair will make possible a field program of evangelism to establish Baptist churches in the great and growing metropolitan and industrial areas. Louisville is the logical beachhead for this development."

Penrose St. Amant, Louisville, dean of Southern Seminary's School of Theology, noted that Chafin's appointment "symbolizes our concern to relate the best theological scholarship of which we are capable to the great needs and problems of our times."

Education Bill . . .

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tee on education received these suggestions with an open mind and cooperated to the fullest in producing a bill that would be in harmony with the first amendment to the constitution and in keeping with sound public policy.
Question: Will there be church-state problems arising in the administration of this bill?

Answer: No doubt there will be. These will be problems, however, that arise largely on the local and state levels. This will shift much of the debate on church-state relations in education from Washington out to the communities where the decisions will be made and the policies worked out. In cases where obvious abuses arise it may be necessary for complaints to be taken to the courts, if community dialogue and efforts toward acceptable practices fail.

Many of the possible abuses, however, may be eliminated by the administrative regulations that will be worked out by the Office of Education of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Legislation cannot foresee or provide for every possible situation that might arise. Sound public policy, sensible public administration, and devotion to constitutional principles can solve many of these problems even before they arise.

Mississippi Club Elects Officers

The Mississippi Club at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has elected the following officers for the 1965-66 session:

Jerry Terrell, M c C o m b, president; Truman Scarborough, Harrisville, vice-presi-



SEVERAL FROM STAFF of Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville were met at airport by Bryant Cummings, state Sunday School secretary, enroute to the statewide Bible Conference held last week. From left: Chester Vaughn, Dr. Donald Ackland, Miss Neta Stewart, Harold Marsh and Mr. Cummings.

Bible Conference Held At Calvary, Jackson

BIBLES LEFT AT CALVARY

The Sunday School Department reports that two Bibles were left at Calvary Church, Jackson, following the Bible Conference held there last week.

The Bibles have names in them, but no addresses. A Training Union Sword Drill Bible belongs to Martha McLain. Another Bible which was left, King James Version, belongs to Frances Weathersby.

If Martha McLain and Frances Weathersby will send their addresses, the Sunday School Department will mail them the Bibles.

Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so.
—Lord Chesterfield

dent; Stella Bagley, Pontotoc, secretary; Barbara Jett, Moberly, Mo., program chairman; Farley Earnest, Columbus, publicity chairman.



DENNIS CONNIFF, associate in Sunday School Department, (seated), helps two register. They are Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Clinton, (left) and Carl Petty, Jackson.



DR. CLYDE T. FRANCISCO, professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., leads conference.



THREE OF conference music leaders go over a number. At piano is Ben Scarborough, associate pastor at First Church, Kosciusko. Standing are Miss Hazel Chisholm, organist of First Church, Jackson, and conference organist and Larry Knowles, host church minister of music and conference song leader.



DR. JOE H. TUTEN, host pastor, (left) observes poster on one of the Bible versions displayed at conference in company of Rev. Billy Roby, pastor of First Church, Booneville, and Mrs. Roby.

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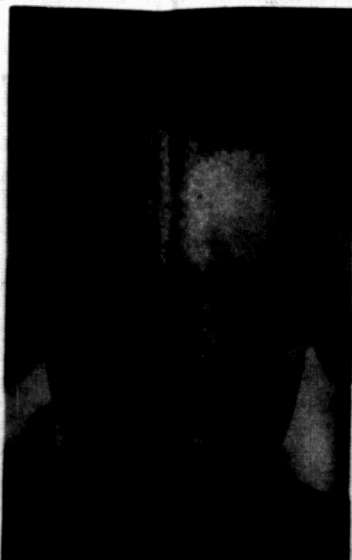


M. LEE FERRELL
Associate

"Man and Boy Rally Speakers"



Guy Henderson



Earl Kelly

Rev. Guy Henderson will bring the missionary message for the Rally which will meet at Crystal Springs, April 9, with registration beginning at 4:30 P.M. Rev. Henderson is a native Mississippian, and is now serving in Korea.

Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, one of our outstanding pastors, having served in many places of leadership in Mississippi Baptist life, and now serving as president of the Convention, will be the inspirational speaker for the Rally.

CLARKE COLLEGE AND THE COMPLIANCE PLEDGE

By W. L. Compere, President

Since much publicity has been given to the action by the Boards of Trustees of two of our Baptist colleges regarding the signing of the Compliance Pledge, many have asked why the Clarke College Board has not taken some definite action at this same time. To give a very simple and concise answer to this question, the reason is that the Board has not been requested to act on this matter. It has been discussed with the Trustees to acquaint them with the situation the college faces for the practically unanimous sentiment was that accepting government control was out of the question. The deadline was allowed to pass with no request made by the administration for authority to sign the compliance pledge.

The Clarke Board has taken a very consistent stand on this question all along.

- (1) They declined to borrow government funds for the construction of facilities because they feared this would eventually lead to federal control.
- (2) They fielded off for several months on entering the NDEA Loan Program because of this same fear. Only after they were assured that this program would not lead to such control did they agree to enter.
- (3) They approved this program for only one year at first. The next year they voted to continue, but with the definite understanding

More than 9,500,000 Bibles, Testaments, portions and selections of Holy Scripture were distributed in Latin America by the American Bible Society during 1963 — second only to the 17,800,000 volumes distributed in the United States.

that if there should appear later an indication of government control the school would drop the program immediately.

So actually when the compliance pledge was required the matter was already settled so far as the Clarke Trustees were concerned. They had acted on this six years before it was worked out in Washington!

Antioch's Oldest Member Dies

Mrs. Mollie Bishop, the oldest member of Antioch Church, Jasper County, died on February 19, 1965.

The members of Antioch adopted resolutions of respect, stating that they would "miss Mrs. Mollie Bishop as a beloved church member and life-long member of the community."

The resolutions were signed by Mrs. Lora Williams, Mrs. Birdie Sims, and Mrs. Addie Gregory.



Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. W. E. HANNAH, Clinton
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
YWA Director—MISS MARJEAN PATTERSON
Sunbeam Director—MISS WAUDINE STOREY
GA Director—MISS RUTH LITTLE

SEMINARY COURSES ON LITERACY AND INNER MISSIONS

Southwestern Seminary will offer two courses, May 31 — June 25, which will be of particular interest to WMS members as it relates to Community Missions. A course in Literacy, (Dr. Harvey Hatcher, professor) will meet from 8:00 until 9:30 a. m. The course in Inner Missions, (Dr. Alpha Melton, professor) will meet from 10:40 until 12:30 noon. Work in Church Week-day Programs, Mission Centers and Good Will Centers will be included in the Inner Missions Course.

The fee for the four weeks will be \$15.00 for only one or both courses. Double rooms in the dormitory are \$18.00 and single rooms are \$23.00. For further information write Dr. Joe Davis Heacock, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth, Texas 76115.

WHITE CROSS ARRIVES IN KONTAGORA, NIGERIA

The 1964 White Cross supplies were sent to our Mission Hospitals in Joinkrama and Kontagora, Nigeria.

A letter of appreciation was

sent by Mrs. Ruth Rumphol, missionary nurse at Kontagora. She said, "The drum of white things arrived safely."

We were out of sheets and were unable to buy any material in the country. All the materials are greatly appreciated by everyone on our staff. Please express our appreciation for this labor of love to those who are responsible for it." WMU members will rejoice to know that they have helped to meet a great need.

MARGARET FUND STUDENTS

(Sons and Daughters of Missionaries)

Margaret Fund Students are enrolled in four different Mississippi Colleges and Universities this year.

Linda Goldie, Nigeria, Mississippi College

Mary Jane McNealy, Brazil, William Carey College

Sylvia Mefford, Spain, William Carey College

John M. Riddle, Chile, University of Mississippi

James Conrad Roberson, Nigeria, University of Southern Mississippi

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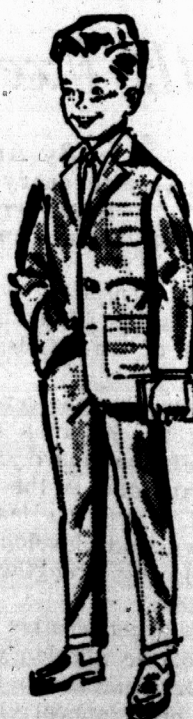
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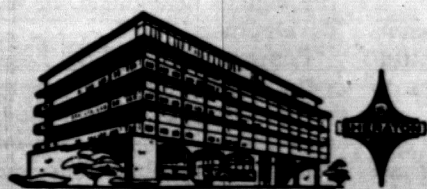
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The Trial Of Jesus

By Clifton J. Allen

Matthew 26:1 to 27:26

As we come to this lesson, we see Jesus entering into the very shadow of the cross. Jesus announced to his disciples his crucifixion two days hence. His enemies plotted how they might kill him. He accepted Mary's lavish gift as an anointing to prepare for his burial. He knew of Judas' traitorous plot but did not openly expose him. He instituted the Lord's Supper to be a memorial of his sacrifice. He warned the disciples of their weakness and Simon Peter of his denials. He endured the agony of Gethsemane and willingly yielded himself to the soldiers of the Sanhedrin. Jesus endured hate and humiliation without protest. Jesus was on trial, but the charge against him was that he declared himself to be the Son of God.

In one sense, Jesus is still on trial—willing to appear at the bar of every person's conscience. More correctly, we are on trial before him—and we shall be condemned or pardoned according to our acceptance or rejection of Christ.

The Lesson Explained
JESUS' WITNESS AND
SILENCE (vv. 11-14)

Jesus made no defense of himself, either in the trial before the Sanhedrin or in the trial before Pilate. He did declare under oath to the Sanhedrin that he was the Messiah and the Son of God. One of the charges made by the Sanhedrin in delivering Jesus to Pilate was that he claimed to be a king. Pilate therefore asked Jesus directly if he was the King of the Jews. Jesus' reply, "Thou sayest," meant yes—though Pilate understood nothing of the nature of Jesus' kingdom. With respect to the many other charges made by the chief priests and elders, Jesus answered nothing. The nature of the trumped-up charges was obvious even to Pilate; he knew that they were motivated by envy. The response of Jesus was one of silence, except when his own nature and his messiahship were in question. His witness was an affirmation of his deity and his mission.

PILATE'S DILEMMA AND
DECISION (vv. 15-26)

Jesus' courage and composure and strength and majestic bearing bespoke a char-

acter unlike any person Pilate had ever seen. Pilate could find nothing worthy of death, not even a fault in Jesus. Having a notable prisoner, Barabbas, and being accustomed to release some prisoner at the feast, Pilate proposed that he release Barabbas or Jesus to the multitude, hoping they would choose Jesus. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude to ask for Barabbas—an insurrectionist, a murderer, deserving to die, chosen in preference to Christ, the Son of God! And while Pilate stalled and tried to find an excuse to release Jesus, Pilate's wife, with premonition from a dream, sent word to urge that he have nothing to do with Jesus.

Pilate faced the supreme question, "What shall I do with Jesus?" In cowardly weakness, Pilate stifled his conscience, yielded to the mob, and turned Jesus over to the soldiers to be scourged and to be crucified. Dramatically, Pilate washed his hands to declare his innocence, while all the people with sinful stupidity and satanic iniquity accepted the guilt upon themselves.

MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY
AND GUILT

Jesus was condemned to be crucified. Who was responsible? Of course, Pilate was responsible and therefore guilty. He was the governor; he made the decision. Annas and Caiaphas were also responsible, and with them the chief priests and elders. They knew that Jesus had done nothing wrong. And the people were responsible. They surely knew that Jesus was the object of prejudice and hate and treachery. But the responsibility for his condemnation to death rests on all people everywhere, for all time. He was condemned in our stead. He was willing to be declared guilty for our sakes. We, and all other persons, are responsible for what was done to Jesus Christ. However great the responsibility and guilt of Pilate, we must see ourselves as the ones for whom Jesus suffered reviling and every disgrace.

Truths to Live By

Jesus endured humiliation triumphantly. Nothing shows the majesty and greatness of the Son of man more than his calm endurance of insult, falsehood, and cruelty. He

showed the strength of perfect manhood, the holiness and forgiveness of perfect Godhood, and the unwavering strength of perfect commitment. No one other than the Son of God could have endured such humiliation without the slightest trace of righteous resentment or vindictiveness.

Christ is on trial in us.—If we are Christians, Christ lives in us. The fact that Christ is on trial in us should be a stern challenge to fidelity on the highest level. We can become cowards, like Simon Peter, and deny the Lord. We can compromise his principles and teachings—by dishonesty, lack of Christian love for persons of other races, lack of loyalty to his church, lack of concern for the sick and hungry and mistreated, or failure to break with lust or profanity or intemperance or some other practice of evil.

Pilate's question is every man's question.—The trial of Jesus before Pilate symbolizes something timeless and universal. Jesus stands before mankind. Each person faces the question, "What shall I do with Jesus?" He may be hated, cursed, rejected, for which the result will be the terrible wrath of God's righteous judgment. Jesus may be neglected, simply admired, or stupidly put off, for which one will surely reap the ruin of loss and eternal separation from God. But Jesus may be accepted, with penitent gratitude for his mercy, simple trust in his saving power, and full commitment to his eternal lordship. The question still remains: What will you do with Jesus?

Russell To Build
New Sanctuary

Russell Church, Lauderdale County, has voted to build a new sanctuary on the present location.

The pastor, Rev. Robert E. Phillips, said that plans have been secured from the Architecture Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, and the church is now in process of receiving bids.

In the past twelve months the church has paid \$5,500, over and above the regular budget and mission gifts, toward retiring the present debt on the pastorium and new classrooms.

Sunday
Reports

Sunday School Attendance

Training Union Attendance

MARCH 28, 1965

Aberdeen, 1st	403	131
Belzoni, 1st	309	102
Brookhaven, 1st	736	227
Brandon, 1st	517	186
Bruce, 1st	370	146
Calhoun City, 1st	306	144
Canton, 1st	428	174
Main	396	152
Mission	32	22
Columbia, 1st	118	48
Crystal Springs	688	197
Highland	210	130
First	606	191
Forest	392	134
Greenville	210	100
Emmanuel	280	111
Second	114	74
Greenfield	438	175
Handaboro	277	183
Hattiesburg	1041	393
38th Avenue	995	350
Main Street	8	5
N. Main	40	29
Wayside	102	45
Southside	326	156
Columb	654	202
First	440	189
Houston, 1st	362	144
Main	78	63
Parkway	285	123
Indianola, Second	666	219
Jackson	587	239
Daniel	1486	523
Hillcrest	61	37
Calvary	198	80
Mission	753	312
Spring Hill	1202	456
Ridgecrest	334	150
Alta Woods	401	196
Southside	374	144
Highland	309	176
Midway	15	145
Magnolia Park	1493	327
McLaurin Heights	296	90
Lakeview Mission	35	38
Crestwood	563	217
First	333	166
Colonial Heights	255	149
Flag Chapel	1416	465
Oak Forest	492	214
Morrison Heights	317	142
McDowell Road	1045	371
Broadmoor	117	86
West Jackson	412	146
Briarwood	235	105
Parkway	495	295
Woodville Heights	478	275
Robinson Street	17	20
Kosciusko	211	129
Parkway	540	183
First	471	182
Laurel	333	140
Glade	365	125
Highland	489	124
Wildwood	220	135
Second Ave.	373	96
Main	155	86
Mission	528	259
Plainsville	157	62
West Laurel	205	106
Trinity	557	156
Magnolia St.	531	159
Leakesville, 1st	26	18
Lexington, 1st	132	83
Long Beach, 1st	248	72
Main	33	26
Mission	224	109
Louisville, East	238	80
Laurel	558	235
Roundway Mission	81	41
McComb, Navilla	451	119
McComb, South	314	91
Nertidlan, 19th Ave.	146	49
Mountain Creek	178	73
(Rankin)	368	192
Natchez, Morgantown	193	138
New Albany, Northside	580	167
Pearson (Rankin)	545	35
Petal, Crestview	413	187
Picayune, 1st	264	73
Main	106	68
Mission	208	112
Pontotoc, 1st	342	132
Pontotoc, W. Heights	169	132
Pocahontas	275	140
Poplar Flat (Winston)	59	37
Quitman, 1st	167	75
Raleigh, 1st	100	44
Rocky Creek	1017	440
Ruth	476	196
Sharon, First (Jones)	232	139
Springfield (Scott)	409	157
Starkville, 1st	293	105
Vicksburg	388	147
Bowman Avenue	365	136
Trinity	23	11

MARCH 21, 1965

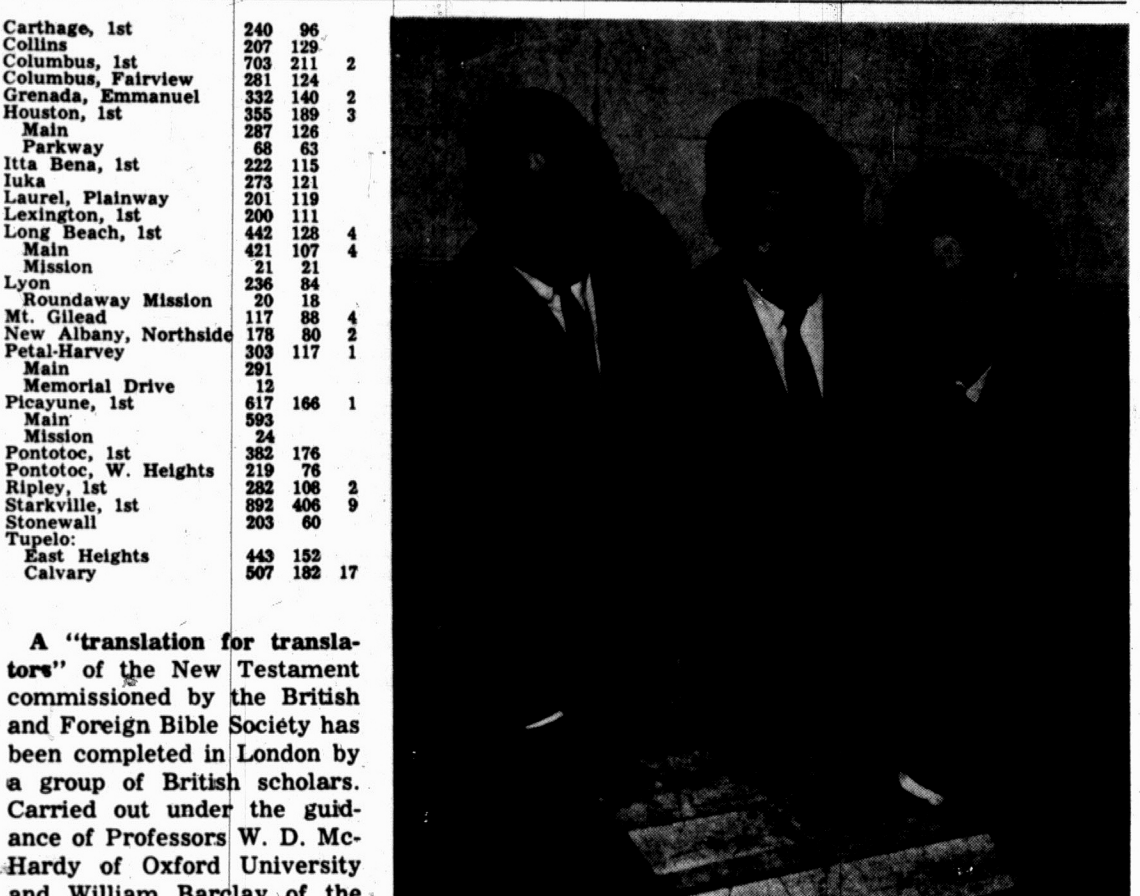
Amory, 1st	409	157
Biloxi, Emmanuel	293	105
Canal	388	147
Main	365	136
Mission	23	11

Thursday, April 1, 1965

THE BAPTIST RECORD 7



THUNDER WITHIN—Tommy Barton (left) is reunited with his anxious parents after being lost on a small midwestern river during a thunder storm. Tommy's assurance of God's safekeeping provides a sharp contrast with his mother's undue concern and lack of faith. "Thunder Within" is part of "The Answer" television series for 1965 produced by Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission. This episode of "The Answer" series will be seen over Station WLOX, Biloxi, on Sunday, April 4, at 2:30 p.m. Other episodes of the series will be seen over WLBT, Jackson, Sunday, 7:30 a.m.



THE SEMINARIANS, 16-voice male chorus from New Orleans Seminary, will present several concerts in Mississippi during their annual spring tour, April 7-13. The group, which will also travel through Louisiana and Arkansas, will make the following Mississippi concert stops: First Church, Hattiesburg, April 7; William Carey College, April 8; Mississippi College, April 9; and Alta Woods Church, Jackson, April 9. Mapping out the concert route are (left to right) choir student director Dick Day, director A. Ray Baker, and accompanist Ken Denton.

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DEVOTIONAL—

A Strategic Error

By Rev. Byron Malone, Pastor, Causeyville
Mark 15:12-15

"The voice of the people is the voice of God," is an old Latin saying in which many people still place credence. This idiom seems to be a plausible theory on the surface; however, in practice it is a fallacy that has hindered man since the days of Adam.

History reveals that the crowd has always been fickle. Heroes of today were in the trash can yesterday and vice versa. Winston Churchill warned the world of the evils of Communism years before it became a world power. The crowd led by his political opponents laughed him to scorn. He was one of the few men exonerated while he lived. John Wesley tried to convince his sister about the voice of the people. In an emphatic tone he said, "The voice of the people is the voice of God." She replied with sarcasm in her voice, "Yes, and the voice of the people cried, 'Crucify Him, crucify Him.'" Fortunately the centuries have proved the crowd wrong and the Christ right.

Individualism has been lost in our mass-minded society. There are multitudes of me-toos, but few who stand on their own and know the principles on which they stand. Gerald Stanley Lee from a book entitled *Crowds* writes, "Modern man has a crowd soul, a crowd creed. It takes ten thousand men to make him think."

The clergy has not been immune to the voice of the people. Instead of telling an audience what they ought to do, many modern ministers run errands for them morning, noon and night. The "hail fellow-well-met" type of minister who preaches about the sins of the man on the moon rather than the sins of the man on the pew is much more prevalent than a John the Baptist. It was against such that Jesus issued the warning, "Woe unto you when all people speak well of you." The sin of the clergy may be that of Pilate, "Wishing to content the multitude."

Norman Vincent Peale in a recent article stated, "It is time for the preacher to preach to a tough Gospel." He made such a remark after pointing out that Christianity is losing much of its impact in the world. A woman said to her pastor, "You sure did step on my toes today." The pastor replied, "If I did my aim was bad, I meant to step on your heart." We need preaching that appeals to the heart and such preaching many times is opposed to the voice of the people.

Could we include the Congregation of the Lord's people in such a strategic error as opposing God? Yes! At least it was so on one occasion. Moses received the report of the twelve spies. Ten said the land could not be taken; two said that it could. The people voted to follow the advice of the ten. The results were disastrous: death to all above twenty years of age, and forty years of wilderness wanderings.

Laodicea was a lukewarm church. Her congregation caused God to become nauseated. Laodicea means the "rights of the people." How ironical it is that at the same time the rights of the people were being exercised the Christ of the candlesticks is on the outside of the church knocking on the door. Friend, the voice of the people is not always the voice of God.

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide, In the strife of truth with falsehood, For the good or evil side, And the choice goes by forever 'Twixt that darkness and that light." —James Russell Lowell

Children are members of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. Mrs. Green will also be employed by William Carey College next year as part-time

teacher of physical education while she works towards a master's degree in the field at the University of Southern Mississippi.



Rev. Joe H. Ratcliff

NEW PASTOR AT SALEM

Rev. Joe H. Ratcliff has been called to Salem Church, near Utica, in Hinds County, according to Alden McNair, Chairman of the Pulpit Committee.

Ratcliff began his work at Salem on March 28. He has served as pastor of Center Hill and Standing Pine Church in Leake County for the past four years. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and will receive his B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary in May. He plans to complete the M. R. E. Degree at the Seminary next January. They have moved into the Salem parsonage.

Mrs. Ratcliff is the former Carol Ann Brock of Tennessee. Mr. Ratcliff is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Ratcliff of Carthage.



CHERYL AULTMAN, Macdon, has been elected to the Presidency of the Student Government Association at Blue Mountain College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toxey Aultman.

PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR BLUE MOUNTAIN MAY DAY

Patricia Moore, Director of Speech at Blue Mountain College, Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, National President of the Alumnae Association of the College, and Miss Betty Price, Charleston, S. C., Vice-President of the Junior Class, have released early plans for May Day events.

May Day week-end activities involve three of the most spectacular programs of the entire college session. The program schedule includes the following events.

1) The spring speech production, "The Comedy of Errors," by Shakespeare, to be presented by the Department of Speech and Drama, Miss Patricia Moore, Director, on three evenings, Thursday, April 29, at 8:00 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium, Friday, April 30, at 8:00 p.m. in the same auditorium, and a special May Day performance, Saturday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. Adults will be admitted for the fee of \$1.00, children for \$.50, and faculty and students for \$.75.

2) The National Alumnae Meeting, to be held on Saturday, May 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration at Guyton Library; business session at 9:45 a.m. in Garrett Hall of Fine Arts; principal address of the day at 11:15, to be delivered by Mrs. Pat Clendenning, Nashville, Tenn., the former Monte McMahon, Batesville, member of the class of 1944; alumnae luncheon in Ray Dining Hall at 12:00 noon; afternoon alumnae session at 1:15, honoring special reunion classes of 1964, 1960, 1950, 1940, 1930, and 1915.

3) The 1965 May Festival, to begin at 3:00 p.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium with the coronation of the Queen of the May, Miss Frances Magers, Algoma, Miss Gayle Lee, McMinnville, Tenn., attending as Maid of Honor; followed by the May Day production to be presented by the junior class and other students they select.

The juniors have introduced a new way of keeping their May Day performance a secret.

They are using the cover-

up theme, "Alice in Wonderland," letting "Alice" represent each person in a wonderland, wondering what the real theme of May Day is to be. Miss Betty Price, chairman of arrangements for the May Festival, calls for group rehearsals by asking for meetings of the "Tea Cup" committee, the "Croquet" committee, etc.

Extension Course Set For Simpson

A Seminary Extension Center has been planned for Simpson County to begin April 1, it has been announced by Rev. Harold Douglas, Pinola, who said that colleges and seminaries are being contacted concerning credits to be applied on degrees.

Rev. J. L. Raspberry will teach the course, using a book on Romans prepared by Dr. Lee Gallman, director of Extension Department of Howard College, Birmingham.

The time of the course will be 7-9 each Thursday night through April and May.

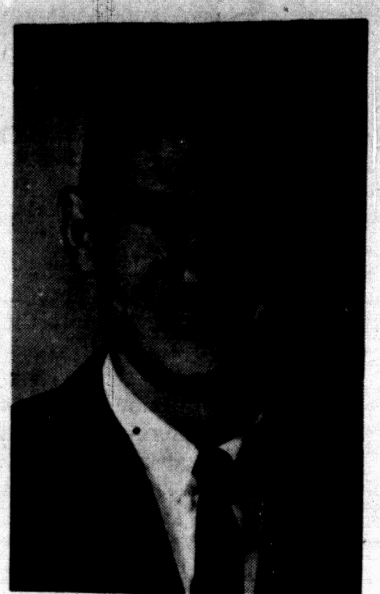
The cost of the course, open to both laymen and women, is \$11.00, which will include text and study guide.

Those interested are urged to contact Mr. Douglas at Pinola.

169 Bibles Given Golden Gate

A collection of 169 Bibles, representing 168 foreign languages, was presented to Golden Gate Seminary by Dr. Arthur P. Whitney, a representative of the American Bible Society. The collection boasts the number of foreign language Bibles in the seminary to approximately 200, ranging from single books of the Bible to complete versions.

Such languages as Arabic, Amharic (Ethiopian) and Yoruba (Nigerian) were included. Dr. Hyatt estimated the value of the collection at six hundred dollars.



Rev. Roy Houston, Jr.

ORDAINED AT EAST HEIGHTS

Rev. Roy Houston, Jr. was ordained to the ministry, March 7, at East Heights Church, Tupelo.

A student at Clark College, he has accepted the pastorate at Union Church, Nettleton, Lee County.

The ordination sermon was by the pastor, Rev. Harold Wilder. Rev. Harold Anderson, Lee County supt. of missions, gave the charge, with the ordination prayer led by Dr. Samuel Shepard, pastor of First Church, Tupelo.

Acker Accepts Fairview Church

Rev. Joe D. Acker, a native of Riverview, Ala., has accepted the pastorate at Fairview Church, Indianola.

Acker was formerly pastor of the Letohatchee Church, Letohatchee, Ala., and Hayneville Church, Hayneville, Ala. He received the A. B. degree from Howard College, and B. D. Degree from New Orleans Seminary. Presently, he is working toward his Doctor of Theology degree at New Orleans.

Mr. Acker is married to the former Sybil Frances McCrory, a native of Greenville, Ala. Mrs. Acker, who is a graduate of Greenville High School, has also attended Druid City School of Nursing, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Howard College, and New Orleans Seminary. Rev. and Mrs. Acker have three children: Susanne 6, Monty 5, and Jeff 3.



Rev. Joe Hinton

Called To South Carolina

West Laurel Church, Laurel, announces the resignation of Rev. Joe Hinton, Pastor, effective April 1. After this date he will serve as pastor of the Pickens Mill Baptist Church, Pickens, South Carolina. Mr. Hinton has served West Laurel since January 1, 1961.

Hinton has held several Jones County Associational offices. Under his leadership the West Laurel Church has seen much growth spiritually. The church debt has been greatly reduced, a \$20,000.00 parsonage purchased, and the annual offerings have increased approximately \$12,000.00. Additions to the church include 144 by baptism, and 220 by letter.

Mrs. Hinton, Danny, and Diane will remain in Laurel until the end of this school year.

Sunday night, March 28, immediately following the Evening Worship service, a reception was given in honor of Mr. Hinton and his family.

It Is Okolona-Not Houston

Due to an error in the column in last week's issue of the Baptist Record listing the 50 leading churches in percent of total gifts through the Cooperative Program the First Church of Houston was listed in 28th place with \$7,032 in gifts.

This should have been Okolona First Church. The error is regretted and correction gladly made.

REVIVAL DATES

Ridgecrest, Jackson: April 4-11; Dr. Bill Piper, evangelist; James Hayes, minister of music at Ridgecrest, in charge of music; Rev. Fred Tarpley, pastor; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

West Ellisville Church, Ellisville: April 4-10; lay-led revival; Dr. Russell Bush, Jr., and lay-preacher team from First Church, Columbia, evangelist; Robert K. Wallin, Laurel, song leader; services at 7:30 p.m. weekday and regular time on Sundays; Rev. Ernest L. Goff, pastor.

East End Church, Columbus: April 4-11; Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, secretary, Baptist Foundation, Jackson, evangelist; Robert Malone, choir director at East End Church, in charge of music; Rev. G. C. Sansing, pastor.

Jericho Church (Union County): April 4-11; Rev. W. C. Gann, superintendent of missions, Prentiss-Tishomingo County, evangelist; Ed McGill, song leader; Rev. Adron Horne, pastor.

First Church, Mt. Olive: April 2, 3, 4; Rev. Wayne Barber, evangelist; Robert Sellers, song leader; Marion Hutto, organist; Sandra Boyd, pianist; Rev. Jerry Slonaker, pastor.

Siloam (Simpson): April 2-4; Rev. George E. Meadows, pastor of Concord Church, Pelahatchie, evangelist; Rev. Gary Berry, pastor.

Concord Church, Pelahatchie: April 9-11; Rev. Gary Berry, pastor of Siloam Church, Magee, evangelist; William Earl Means and Ruby Grace Winstead, pianists; Tommy White, music director; Rev. George E. Meadows, pastor.

Hickory Flat Church: April 4-9; services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday and at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Rev. Jimmy Chapman, evangelist; Rev. Jimmy Futral, in charge of the singing; Rev. Guy C. Futral, pastor.

Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson: April 11-18; Rev. James Watson, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Wayne H. A. R. L. S. O. N. (pictured), New Orleans Seminary, native of Calhoun County, Miss., song leader; Dr. Kermit Canterbury, pastor.



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First Church, Okolona: April 18-25; Rev. N. F. Davis, Jr., evangelist, Miss Hellen Upchurch, music director, song leader; Rev. Allison Bell, pastor.

Bethel Church (Lincoln County): April 9-11; youth revival; Rev. Huey Moak (pictured), pastor, Hamilton Street Mission, Brookhaven, and student at Copiah-Lincoln College, evangelist; Rev. W. C. Sandiford, pastor; services nightly at 7 (Goal: 90 in Sunday school and 60 in Training Union April 11.)



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REVIVAL RESULTS

Walnut Church, (Quitman County) March 7-14, Rev. Lucius B. Marion, pastor, Clarksdale, additions, one by baptism and two by letter. Sunday school attendance increased by one-third on Sunday the 14th.

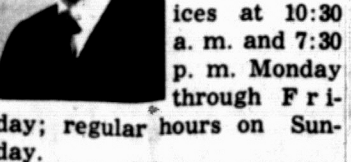
Moak's Creek Church (Lincoln): March 17-21; Rev. Huey Moak, evangelist; Gary Henby, song leader; 10 professions of faith; 12 rededications, several surrendering for full time Christian service; Rev. Jimmie T. Smith, pastor.

Raymond Church: April 5-11; Dr. Joe Cothen, pastor, Alta Woods Church, Jackson, evangelist; Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman, Division of Fine Arts, Mississippi College, music director; weekday services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services at 8:45 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Jerry Breazeale, pastor.

Byram Church: April 4-11; Rev. Jack Nazary, pastor, West Jackson Church, Jackson, evangelist; Clayton Pope, music director of Highland Church, Jackson, in charge of music; Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor.

Heidelberg Church: April 4-9; Rev. Paul Kirke, pastor, First Church, Poplarville, evangelist; John McNair, Hattiesburg, music director; Rev. J. W. Tynes, pastor.

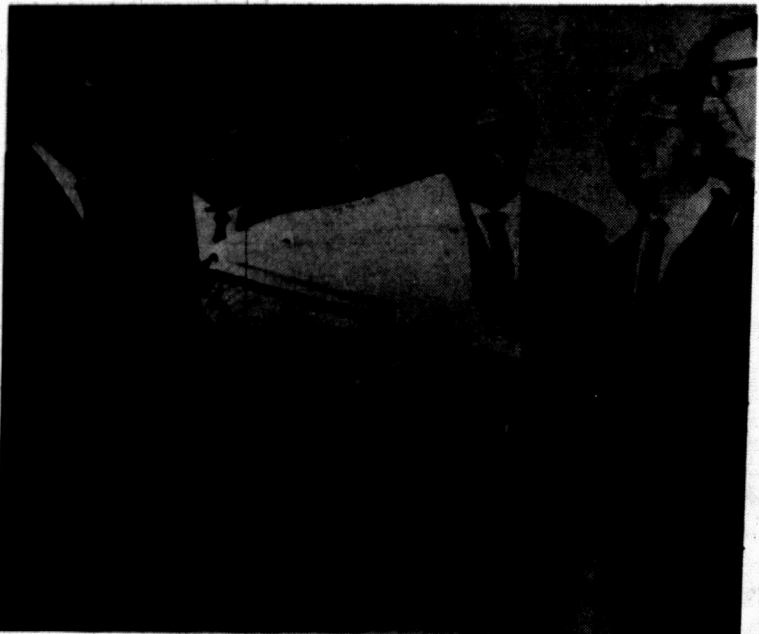
Harperville Church: April 11-16; Rev. N. F. Greer (pictured), pastor, First Church, Quitman, evangelist; Rev. Elton Barlow, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; regular hours on Sunday.



Oak Forest, Jackson: April 4-11; Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor, Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, evangelist; Gene Hubbard, minister of music, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, in charge of music; Rev. Tommy Hudson, pastor; services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Rocky Creek: April 4-9; Rev. Athens McNeil, pastor, Eastlawn Church, Pascagoula, evangelist; Rev. Bill Hale, pastor.

First Church, Stonewall: April 4-9; Rev. Harold O. Chester, evangelist; Betha Fielding, song leader. Services at 7:15 p.m.; Rev. John Merck, pastor.



SEVERAL AT planning meeting of associational superintendents of missions look over statistical chart of Mississippi Baptists. From left: Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary of Cooperative Missions; Rev. Harry Phillips, Walnut; Rev. Hollis Bryant, Lyon; Rev. Ben Goddard, Waynesboro; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, and Rev. Virgil Ratcliff, Carthage. The meeting, sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, was held at Camp Garaywa.

Awards Go To Holloway Family

Perfect attendance awards were presented to the Gordon Holloway family of Valley Park Church, Rev. R. M. Raiford, pastor.

Mr. Holloway received a 10-year award, Mrs. Holloway received a 13-year award, and Hugh Holloway received an 8-year award.

Their daughter, Pat, (Mrs. Joe Rutledge) holds a perfect attendance record of 12 years. She is a member of Hilcrest Church, Jackson. Their daughter, Fay, (Mrs. Hilbert Shiers) has a perfect attendance record of 12 years. She is a member of Trinity Church, Vicksburg. Their daughter, Sarah, (Mrs. Ronnie Wooley), also a member of Trinity Church, Vicksburg, holds a perfect attendance record of 12 years.

Names In The News

Carlos Gruber, full-time evangelist, well-known in Mississippi, will on April 1 leave for southeast Asia where he will preach in evangelistic crusades. This is to be a special Foreign Mission Board project, in cooperation with missionaries and natives. The first crusade will be April 3-22 in Thailand and the second from April 23 - May 7 in Malaysia. Gruber's address April 1-22 will be Baptist Mission, Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand, and April 23 - May 7 will be 4 Jalan Ng Ngee, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Last fall Mr. Gruber and his wife and son moved to Midleton, Kentucky. Mrs. Gruber teaches at Kentucky Southern College.

Rev. E. V. May has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Shannon, after nearly nine years' service with North Oxford Church, Oxford.

Rev. Carey E. Cox, on Sunday, March 21, began his 14th year as pastor of First Church of Brandon.

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Ethel McKeithen

Accepts Position In Hattiesburg

Miss Ethel McKeithen began her duties March 1 as the new Minister of Education at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, Dr. J. Harold Stephens, pastor.

Miss McKeithen has served for the last four and a half years as Minister of Education at First Church, Columbus, Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor.

She has also served at First Church, Greenville, and Broadmoor Church, Jackson. She is a graduate of Delta State College, and studied at the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. She is a native of Meridian, Mississippi.

Welcoming ceremonies were observed Wednesday evening, March 3, in connection with the family night dinner at Temple Church.